

Dear Ms. Steffanic and Mr. Coccodrilli,

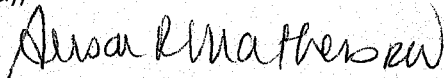
1. Since the year 2000, Pennsylvania's Certified School Nurses have demonstrated continued professional development in their specialty area through the Pennsylvania Department of Education Act 48 statutory requirements. Every five years, in order to maintain their educational specialist certification, they must submit 180 Act 48 hours. We would like to ensure that Certified School Nurses be exempt from the continuing education requirements for maintaining their nursing licenses, as long as they comply with the continuing education requirements necessary to maintain their education specialist certification as written in the Act of June 29, 2006.

2. We recommend that the State Board of Nursing amend the proposed regulation by adding a new section that addresses Certified School Nurses, exempting Certified School Nurses that maintain their education specialist certification from the continuing education requirements for license renewal.

3. We suggest that the list of approved providers include: the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Thank you for your attention to this very important change that must occur in the new rule for continuing education for certified school nurses.

Sincerely,



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The proposed rulemaking was posted April 28th.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, recommendations or objections regarding this proposed rulemaking to Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator, State Board of Nursing, P. O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649 (asteffanic@state.pa.us) and to Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman, Independent Regulatory Review Commission, 333 Market Street, 14th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101 within 30 days following publication of this proposed rulemaking in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Thank you!

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