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Each year the Board reviews certain Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules that are scheduled for “five-year review” as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 119.032.

One of the five-year review chapters being considered by the Board this year is Chapter 4723-5, OAC, Nursing Education Programs. Nursing education programs establish the foundation for a nurse’s ability to practice safely across care settings in a rapidly changing health care environment. This Board is committed to education and its mission to actively safeguard the health of the public through the effective regulation of nursing care.

Extensive review and discussions concerning the education rules have been held over the past several months, especially regarding educational clinical practice requirements and the use of simulation. The Advisory Group on Nursing Education, chaired by Board member Patricia Sharpnack, recommended that new language be included in the rules that would allow for patient simulation to replace clinical experience in obstetrical/immediate newborn care. At the April Board meeting, the Board agreed to this change if high fidelity, or mid or moderate fidelity simulation is used. In addition, the Board determined that patient simulation could also be allowed for pediatrics. The education program would be responsible for assuring that high fidelity, or mid or moderate fidelity simulation is provided by faculty members who have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to teach nursing using simulation. Definitions of high fidelity and mid or moderate fidelity simulation would be included in new proposed rule language.

In addition to the recommendations brought to the Board from the Advisory Group, the Board received comments and recommendations from other nurse educators and interested parties. As a result, other suggested education revisions are being discussed, including that the pass/fail rate of students who take the NCLEX more than six months after graduation would not be included in an education program’s NCLEX pass rate calculation. The Board discussed national data indicating that first time test takers are more successful in passing the NCLEX if they take the test within six months of completing the education program. The Board is currently considering addressing this in the rules by including only the pass rates of those who took the NCLEX within six months of program completion.

The Board welcomes and encourages the assistance of various professional licensees and interested parties during its annual rule review. The Board especially appreciates the diligent review and the recommendations from our Advisory Group on Nursing Education this year. The Advisory Group includes representatives from various types of pre-licensure nursing education programs, as well as a consumer member and a nursing employer. In addition to Patricia Sharpnack, the Board is composed of several nursing educators who also provide their expertise, Lauralee Krabill, Sandra Ranck, John Schmidt, and myself.

Please see the article included in this issue of Momentum for additional information about the rules being considered for revision this year. After further Board review, the proposed rules will be posted on the Board website at www.nursing.ohio.gov. The effective date of proposed revisions is anticipated to be February 1, 2017. If you have comments or questions about the rules, please email rules@nursing.ohio.gov.
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The 2016 LPN renewal is the first nursing license renewal to be completed in the new 3.0 Ohio eLicense system, a comprehensive professional regulatory license system being phased in for numerous state licensing boards. The Ohio Department of Administrative Services and its vendor are implementing the new system in conjunction with the Board.

The 3.0 Ohio eLicense system includes new features and upgrades that should help the Board better serve our licensees and the public in the future. The system for the first time allows all licensure and certification applications to be entered and processed online, including renewals.

The Board realizes that numerous licensees have experienced various types of issues with the implementation of the new Ohio eLicense system. The Board also realizes it has been difficult to respond to a very high volume of calls and emails as quickly as we would like. We apologize for any delays you might have experienced. The Board and the Ohio Department of Administrative Services are working together to resolve remaining technical issues and add additional resources to address the high volume of calls and emails in order to respond more quickly.

For more detailed information, please read the three related articles in this issue of Momentum. These articles are re-printed in order to make the instructions widely available. The articles cover renewal, initial licensure, as well as information for nursing education programs regarding applications for new graduates. We remain confident that the Ohio eLicense system issues are being addressed and will allow Board staff to serve you faster and more efficiently as we move forward. Thank you for your anticipated patience and cooperation.

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The 2016 LPN renewal will be the first nursing license renewal completed in the new 3.0 Ohio eLicense system, a comprehensive professional regulatory license system used by a variety of state licensing boards. The Ohio Department of Administrative Services and its vendor are rebuilding and updating the current technology that is aging rapidly. This newest licensing system includes several new features and upgrades that should help the Board better serve our licensees and the public. We look forward to the new system processing all licensure and certification applications, including renewals. The Board continues to be committed to provide the best public protection and customer service possible.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Renew Timely

- Renew ASAP. Incomplete applications will not be accepted by the online system. Waiting until a deadline and realizing you do not have all the information needed to complete the application may prevent you from renewing timely.
- If you wait to renew until close to the September 15th fee deadline and encounter any difficulties or cannot provide all the information, the application will be incomplete and your license will lapse on November 1, 2016. You cannot work as a nurse as long as your license is lapsed. You must then apply for reinstatement of your license. The reinstatement process takes additional time to process. Please take the necessary steps to avoid this happening to you. Renewing early is a great way to start.

Getting Started

- If you are eligible to renew your license this year, you should have received a postal mail reminder that included a Security Code. The Board mailed letters with Security Codes to LPNs during the first week in July. If you did not receive a Security Code from the Board by mail or if you misplaced the one you received, you can still obtain the Security Code that you will need to renew with online. If you have the same e-mail address you used for the last LPN renewal in 2014, you can obtain your Security Code by following the instructions on the Board’s website at www.nursing.ohio.gov. If you do NOT have the same email address as used in the 2014 renewal, please e-mail renewal@nursing.ohio.gov and in the subject line for that e-mail type in “Need Security Code.”

- Licensees are required to “register” in order to use the new online system. You must have the Security Code to start the renewal process. Remember to put your Security Code in a safe place so you can have it when you need it.

Must pay by Credit or Debit

- Fees must be paid online. Use Master Card, VISA or Discover credit or debit cards. If you do not have this type of personal credit or debit card, you can obtain these pre-paid cards at local stores to use for renewal.
- If the fee is not paid when you submit your application, the application will be incomplete and will not be processed.

Additional Information May Be Required

- If you are asked to provide court documents or other information that may be required as part of your application, please be prepared to upload the documents electronically through the online system. This information is usually required of applicants who answer “yes” to one of the additional information questions on the renewal application.
- No hardcopies of court documents or other information required as part of your application will be accepted. Waiting until a deadline and then realizing you do not have all the information and in the form needed to upload the documents electronically through the online system will prevent you from renewing.
- Incomplete renewal applications will not be accepted by the system. If all required documents are not provided electronically, the renewal application is incomplete.

Continuing Education Renewal Requirements

- Whether you renew your license timely by September 15, 2016 or in the late peri-
od by the October 31, 2016 deadline, you must meet the continuing education (CE) requirements by October 31, 2016 in order to be in compliance with your CE obligations to maintain licensure.

• Please be aware that if you were part of the CE audit for LPNs that was conducted for the time period September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2014 and have not yet submitted the information required and received verification of compliance from the Board, you are not eligible to renew. You must complete all outstanding audit requirements from this period before being able to renew. Contact ce@nursing.ohio.gov if you have questions.

Renewal Is An Online Process

• Remember that all renewals must be completed online. Licensees may use a computer in the Board office to renew online with staff assistance (if needed) on business weekdays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

• If you hold an active LPN license in Ohio, your current license is now legally valid through October 31, 2016.

• On the Board website (www.nursing.ohio.gov), you may click on “Subscribe to eNews, Facebook, and Twitter” on the left side of the page to sign up to receive additional Board updates.

If you have questions, please contact the Board at renewal@nursing.ohio.gov. There will be nearly 58,000 LPNs who renew their licenses from about July 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016. Please be aware that staff response to questions received at the Board may take longer, depending on the number of people who have questions. Let us help serve you better by anticipating and avoiding historically peak deadline renewal times. The earlier you renew, the more chance you have to avoid issues with your license. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in transitioning to the new 3.0 Ohio eLicense system.

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In 2016 the Board begins implementing the new 3.0 Ohio eLicense system through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services and its vendor. This impacts all applications for licensure and certification, including renewal.

- The new eLicense system requires ALL licensure and certification applications to be completed online, including the payment of applicable fees, starting on or about July 1, 2016.
- Applicants may use a computer in the Board office if needed, on business weekdays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
- Licensees will be required to “register” in order to access the online application system. For more information on how to “register,” please visit the Board website (www.nursing.ohio.gov).
- If you are required to provide documentation of citizenship, court documents, or other information required by the application, be prepared to upload the documents electronically through the online system. No hardcopies will be accepted.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted by the system. If all required documents are not provided electronically, the application is incomplete. An incomplete application will not be processed.
- Apply early. Waiting until a few days before you are to begin a new job and realizing you do not have all the information needed to complete the application will prevent you from obtaining a license and working as a nurse in Ohio.
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- If the fee is not paid when you submit your application, the application will be incomplete and will not be processed.

If you have questions, please contact the Board at licensure@nursing.ohio.gov. On the Board website (www.nursing.ohio.gov) click on “Subscribe to eNews, Facebook, and Twitter” to sign up to receive Board updates.
Initial Licensure and Pre-Licensure Nursing Education Programs

The State of Ohio is implementing a new eLicense system for boards, including the Ohio Board of Nursing. Please review this IMPORTANT information—it will impact how you apply for licensure and certification.

- The new eLicense system requires ALL licensure and certification applications to be completed online, including the payment of applicable fees, starting on or about July 1, 2016.
- Pre-licensure nursing education programs will no longer be able to pay for their graduates with one large payment for multiple applicants. Payment must be made with each individual application.
- Fees must be paid online. Use Master Card, VISA or Discover credit or debit cards. If you do not have this type of personal credit or debit card, you can obtain these pre-paid cards at local stores to pay the fees.
- If the fee is not paid with the submission of the online application, the application is incomplete and will not be processed.
- The Board can no longer process paper applications. Paper applications received will be returned to the applicant. This is necessary due to the conversion to the new system.
- If documents are required with the application, the documents must be uploaded at the time of submission or the application is incomplete.
- Education programs will continue to email Completion Letters to the Board. The process will not change at this time.
- If needed, applicants may use a computer in the Board office to apply online on business weekdays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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The Board annually reviews certain chapters of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules that are scheduled for “five-year review” as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 119.032. This year the Board is reviewing rules from OAC Chapters 4723-5, Nursing Education Programs; 4723-7, Examination and Licensure; 4723-13, Delegation of Nursing Tasks; and 4723-27, Medication Administration by Certified Medication Aides. The Board will also consider revisions to several individual rules that are not slated for five-year review, but have been directed by the Board to be updated or otherwise amended for a number of possible reasons, including recent legislative action or need for technical revision.

From the outset, the Board seeks public participation in the rule review process through Advisory Groups and Open Forums during Board meetings, and may convene Committees to review particular issues. Interested parties may attend Board Committee meetings convened to consider specific issues or tasks. The Board also held a meeting with interested parties on May 26, 2016 to discuss the 2016 rules draft and seek additional input.

All meetings of the Board, Advisory Groups and Board Committees are open to the public and governed by the Ohio Open Meetings Act. Upcoming meeting information can be obtained by visiting the Board website at www.nursing.ohio.gov. Interested parties are also encouraged to visit the Board website to subscribe to the Board’s Twitter and Facebook accounts and to OBN e-News, a free service for updates and other information during the process.

When the Board is ready to begin the public hearing process to consider new rules or modifications to existing rules, the changes will be initially filed with Ohio’s Common Sense Initiative (CSI) at which time they can also be accessed through the Board website. CSI explains its role as creating “a regulatory framework that promotes economic development, is transparent and responsive to regulated businesses, makes compliance as easy as possible, and provides predictability for businesses.” The Board anticipates filing the rule review package with CSI in or about August 2016.

After review and comment by CSI, the Board will file a public notice to inform interested parties that the Board will hold a hearing on the proposed rules to receive public comment. The Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR), a bipartisan committee of legislators, will then conduct a final review of the rules prior to becoming effective. As part of the JCARR process the Board holds its public hearing between 30 – 41 days after the rules have been filed with JCARR. After the public hearing, the Board considers both written and oral testimony and determines whether to make changes to the rules as proposed. The Board anticipates that it will hold its public hearing on November 16, 2016 at the Board office on the fourth floor of 17 South High Street, in Columbus, OH. Upon filing with JCARR, public hearing notices and copies of the proposed or amended rules will also be available on the register of Ohio’s web site: http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/.

Upon completion of the process, the effective date of new rule language is anticipated to be February 1, 2017. If you have comments or questions about the rules, please email rules@nursing.ohio.gov.
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Many useful resources are found on the Board website at www.nursing.ohio.gov, including numerous practice materials. RN and LPN information is located under the “Practice RN and LPN” link. By clicking on that link you will find the “RN and LPN Decision Making Model” to assist nurses in analyzing whether a specific procedure, task or activity is within the RN or LPN scope of practice and, if so, whether the specific procedure, task or activity is consistent with standards of practice, appropriate to perform based on the individual nurse’s knowledge and skills, and appropriate based on the clinical setting. Another guide, published in June 2015, “RN and LPN Scopes of Practice” assists in identifying and differentiating between the RN and LPN scopes of practice. Finally, the “RN and LPN Practice FAQs” answer commonly asked practice questions. All three documents are available to read, download, and print. These publications are designed to assist nurses in understanding their scope of practice. Nurses are responsible for knowing and practicing within the legal scope of practice as defined in Section 4723.01(B) and (F), Ohio Revised Code and for applying the standards of practice established in Chapter 4723-4, Ohio Administrative Code; the Nurse Practice Act and administrative rules are available for review in their entirety on the Board website under the “Law and Rules” link.

Also located under the “Practice RN and LPN” link are Interpretive Guidelines (IGs) published by the Board for certain practice topics. IGs do not announce new law or rules but serve as a guideline to licensees regarding existing law and rules. IGs include: Epidural Infusions (multiple topics); Administration of Medications, and Monitoring of Patients Receiving Intravenous Moderate Sedation for Medical/Surgical Procedures; Care of Patients Receiving Intramuscular, Subdermal, or Subcutaneously Injected Medications for Cosmetic/Aesthetic Treatment; [RN’s] Role in Emergent Intubation Performed by an Authorized Provider; [RN’s] Performance of a History and Physical Examination for Purposes of Providing Nursing Care; [RN’s] Role in the Care of Patients Undergoing Exercise Cardiac Stress Testing; and several others. Also available and important to review when reading any IG is the document, Introduction: Utilizing Interpretive Guidelines.

APRN-specific practice resources, available under the “Practice APRN” link, include the APRN Decision Making Model. The Model is a guide for APRNs to use when determining whether a specific procedure, task or activity is within the APRN scope of practice and, if so, whether the specific procedure, task or activity is consistent with standards of practice, appropriate to perform based on the individual APRN’s knowledge and skills, and appropriate based on the clinical setting. APRNs with prescriptive authority can also use the “Prescriptive Authority Resources” link to find the most current version of the Formulary. The Formulary is updated as needed following meetings of the Committee on Prescriptive Governance (for information regarding the Committee on Prescriptive Governance, see the article in this issue of Momentum). In addition, the recently revised “Instructions for Utilizing the Formulary and Prescribing FAQs” explains how to use the Formulary and includes answers to the most commonly asked questions regarding prescriptive authority. Additional resources available under the Prescriptive Authority Resources link include Schedule II Prescribing FAQ’s, Ohio Opioid Prescribing Guidelines, information regarding Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, CTP holder alerts, and OARRS information.

Issues of Momentum are found under the “Publications” link. The following are examples of practice topics included in prior Momentum publications: “New Ohio Law: Determination and Pronouncement of Death” (Spring 2012); “RN Adjustment of Medications” (Spring 2013); “Ohio Automated Reporting System (OARRS) Requirements for APRN CTP Holders” (Fall 2014); “Nurse Administration of Influenza Vaccines” (Fall 2014); “LPN IV Therapy” (Spring 2015); and “Volunteer Nursing” (Spring 2016). Watch for practice information in Momentum, on the Board website, and through social media. To sign up to receive Board updates and news though eNews, Twitter, and/or Facebook, please click on the link at the top of the home page at www.nursing.ohio.gov.
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MEDICAL MARIJUANA

In 2015, a Constitutional amendment to legalize Marijuana (MJ) in the State of Ohio failed. In May 2016, House Bill 523 was approved by the General Assembly, and in June, the Bill was signed by Governor Kasich. The new law, effective 90 days after the Governor’s signature, legalizes marijuana use for people with qualifying medical conditions under certain circumstances.

The law:
• Requires the Ohio Department of Commerce and State Board of Pharmacy to administer a Medical MJ Control Program;
• Establishes the Medical MJ Advisory Committee, and authorizes it to make recommendations to the Control Program;
• Permits a patient, on the recommendation of a physician, to use medical MJ to treat a qualifying medical condition;
• Authorizes the State Board of Pharmacy to register patients and caregivers and to issue licenses to medical MJ retail dispensaries;
• Authorizes the Department of Commerce to issue licenses to medical MJ cultivators, processors, and testing laboratories;
• Authorizes the Medical Board to issue certificates to physicians seeking to recommend treatment with medical MJ;
• Prohibits the cultivation of medical MJ for personal, family, or household use;
• Prohibits the smoking of medical MJ, but allows for vaporization;
• Requires that the medical MJ Control Program be fully operational not later than two years after the law’s effective date.

Impact on Employers
HB 253 provides that an employer is not required to permit or accommodate an employee’s use, possession, or distribution of medical MJ. See Section 3796.28, ORC. Employers may establish and enforce drug-free workplace policies, including drug-testing, and nothing in the law interferes with federal employment restrictions, including U.S. Department of Transportation regulations. Under the U.S. Department of Transportation testing system, even if an individual uses MJ obtained in a state where the drug can legally be used or prescribed under state law, the DOT would consider the screen positive. See DOT Office of Drug and Alcohol Compliance Notice – Medical Marijuana (November 19, 2015); Recreational Marijuana (December 3, 2012).

A person discharged from employment based on medical MJ use is considered to have been discharged for “just cause” for purposes of Unemployment Compensation.

Physician Recommendation
Under the new law, physicians can obtain a certificate that authorizes them to recommend treatment with medical MJ. Advanced practice registered nurses are not authorized to obtain this certificate, and thus, are not authorized to recommend medical MJ for treatment.

“Qualifying medical conditions” for which medical MJ may be recommended include, but are not limited to: AIDS, ALS, Alzheimer’s disease, cancer, Crohn’s and inflammatory bowel diseases, seizure disorders, fibromyalgia, glaucoma, MS, Parkinson’s disease, PTSD, Tourette’s syndrome, and pain that is either

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chronic and severe or intractable. See 3796.01, ORC for complete list.

In other states, APRNs have the authority to “prescribe” or issue statements that a patient is recommended for a medical MJ card. The Journal of Nursing Regulation (October 2015) featured an article on legalization of MJ, including a discussion on implications for prescribers. The article proposes “best practices” for primary care practitioners in treating patients by prescribing MJ, including the need for obtaining a thorough history and physical, reviewing treatment records, consulting with other providers, and considering ethical and malpractice coverage issues, among others.

The new law establishes requirements, for a physician holding a certificate to recommend issued by the Medical Board, to submit an application on a patient or caregiver’s behalf with the Board of Pharmacy so the patient may be registered to be treated with medical MJ. The physician must provide a statement on the application certifying, among other things, that there is a bona fide physician-patient relationship, the patient has been diagnosed with a qualifying medical condition, that the patient has been informed of the risks and benefits of medical MJ treatment, and the patient has been advised that in the physician’s opinion, the benefits outweigh the risks. See 3796.08, ORC.

Under the new law, physicians are required to report the recommendation for medical MJ treatment in the OARRS database.

Medical MJ Advisory Committee
The law establishes a Medical MJ Advisory Committee, and authorizes it to make recommendations to the Control Program. The Committee is composed of 14 members, including but not limited to members who represent patients, caregivers, persons involved in alcohol/drug addiction treatment, local law enforcement; one physician from the State Medical Board, one pharmacist from the Pharmacy Board, and one nurse. The Committee has a five-year life span.

The Board of Nursing will continue to monitor legal developments regarding legalization of MJ, whether for recreational and/or medical purposes, and provide updated information to prescribers and licensees.
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Meet the Members of the Ohio Board of Nursing

When were you appointed as a Board member?
I was appointed to the Board in March 2015 by Governor Kasich.

Why did you want to become a Board member?
I have attended Board meetings regularly since 2010. I have found by attending I have gained a better understanding of the functions of the nursing profession in Ohio. I felt at the time of application for appointment that I could offer a fresh perspective to the Board. My goal in serving has been to help further the profession of nursing by participation in policy development and regulation.

What is your nursing background?
I have been fortunate to have worked in clinical, managerial, and educational environments during my career. I also at one time was an Ohio paramedic. I currently serve as a Program Administrator of a practical nursing program.

What do you believe you can bring to the Board of Nursing?
I feel I bring to the Board not only a variety of nursing experience, but also state nursing organizational and public board experiences. I also feel that my past Board meeting attendance has allowed me to better function as a Board member.

What is one of the greatest challenges of being a Board member?
Being a Board member requires many hours of meeting preparation. There are many hours of reading of materials each week that help one get ready for the discussion and decision making that will occur at each meeting.

How would you describe your experience as a Board member?
I have found that all who are part of the Ohio Board of Nursing are recognized professionals in their own area of expertise who are committed to ensuring the upholding of established administrative rules. They are willing to consider changes that will advance nursing within the existing laws of Ohio as well. All have been helpful in mentoring me to become familiar with understanding the processes involved being a Board member. I feel extremely fortunate to work with such dedicated individuals.

What would you say to someone who is considering becoming a Board member?
I would encourage anyone who wants to advocate for nursing and public safety to consider becoming a Board member. Preparation to serve is important, however, meeting attendance prior to appointment along with an understanding of existing law and rule is essential to be able to minimally function as a new Board member. There is also a need for a new member to ensure adequate personal time for meeting attendance and preparation. Serving as a Board member is a rewarding experience!
Why did you want to become a Board member?
I wanted to be a Board member to help influence the profession of nursing for others. Shaping nursing for future generations is important. Being a Board member I will be able to see the advancement of the profession as well as help guide nurses to deliver a higher level quality of care.

What is your nursing background?
My nursing background is in critical care. I have worked in the emergency department for most of my career as well as doing critical care ground and air transport. I have also transitioned into nursing education teaching in a pre-licensure program and now am teaching in a graduate program for masters and Doctor of nursing practice learners.

What do you believe you can bring to the Board of Nursing?
I believe that I bring to the Board a new view of the profession. Nursing and health care are fluid and always changing. When changes come, there need to be champions of that change. I feel that I can be that change agent and help to transform the profession of nursing.

What is one of the greatest challenges of being a Board member?
I think one of the challenges of being a Board member is the discipline cases. As with all things there is good and bad. I just never realized the amount of discipline cases the Board conducts. Another challenge with the discipline is knowing that you are impacting not just a nurse, but the family of the nurse and having a direct impact on their livelihood.

How would you describe your experience as a Board member?
I would describe my experience as a Board member as positive and informational. I have learned so much about the legal and policy of the Board and how it relates to nurses. I continue to grow and learn to become more informed so I can help make informed decisions while on the Board of Nursing.

What would you say to someone who is considering becoming a Board member?
I would say to anyone considering to be a Board member to pursue this great endeavor. It is an endeavor that is very interesting and a way to make an impact on your profession. Being a Board member is very rewarding, and I think it is important for those that are interested in seeking a position on the Board to pursue it.
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The Committee on Prescriptive Governance

The Board of Nursing (Board) is authorized by Section 4723.49, Ohio Revised Code (ORC), to convene the Committee on Prescriptive Governance (CPG) to make recommendations to the Board regarding the authority to prescribe drugs and therapeutic devices pursuant to a Certificate to Prescribe (CTP) issued under Section 4723.50, ORC.

Who are the CPG members and how are they selected? The CPG is composed of nurses, physicians, and pharmacists. The Board appoints all nurse members of the CPG and those members must include a clinical nurse specialist, a certified nurse-midwife, a certified nurse practitioner, and a member of the Board who is at minimum a registered nurse. In addition, the CPG includes four physicians. The State Medical Board appoints the physician members, at least two of whom collaborate with clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, or certified nurse practitioners in their practices. In addition, one must be certified in family practice by a medical specialty board of the American Medical Association or American Osteopathic Association and one must be a member of the State Medical Board. The State Board of Pharmacy appoints the pharmacist members, one of whom must be a member of the Board of Pharmacy and one of whom must be actively engaged in practice as a clinical pharmacist. The roster of current CPG members, their positions and appointment terms is available on the Board website at www.nursing.ohio.gov under the “Prescriptive Authority Resources” link.

CPG members serve three-year terms. Recommendations for filling vacancies may be submitted to the Board by professional nursing associations and individuals, to the State Medical Board by professional medical associations and individuals, and to the Board of Pharmacy by professional pharmacy associations and individuals. Information regarding appointments to the CPG is also found under the “Prescriptive Authority Resources” link. Questions about the appointment process may be directed to board@nursing.ohio.gov. In addition, notifications about anticipated APRN vacancies are sent by the Board through eNews (e-mail notification service), Twitter, and Facebook, to those who have subscribed.

What does the CPG do? When it was initially established in May 2000, the CPG developed recommendations for new administrative rules to be adopted by the Board for a Formulary listing the types of drugs and therapeutic devices that may be prescribed by a CTP holder; the process for revision of the Formulary; standards for CTP holders personally furnishing medications; required components of standard care arrangements for those with prescriptive authority; standards for issuance and renewal of a CTP-E and the CTP; requirements for instruction in advanced pharmacology, etc. Currently, the CPG’s work primarily involves making recommendations to the Board for Formulary revisions regarding drugs newly approved by the FDA, newly issued indications and warnings for existing drugs, and requests for revision submitted by CTP holders. The CPG continues to review and recommend revisions to existing administrative rules pertaining to prescriptive authority.

Can a CTP holder ask the CPG for an evaluation or re-evaluation of a drug’s prescribing designation? CTP holders may ask the CPG to consider or reconsider the prescribing designation of specific drugs or drug categories by submitting a Request for Formulary Review/Revision to the Board 30 days prior to the scheduled CPG meeting. Such requests should include the specific drug names (generic and trade), and the rationale for the request. The request form and instructions are available on the Board website under the “Prescriptive Authority Resources” link.

Who may attend a CPG meeting? CPG meetings are open to the public and anyone may attend. The CPG generally meets three times a year. Specific meeting dates and times are posted on the Board website as are upcoming materials for the meetings. The meetings are held at the Board of Nursing offices at 17 South High Street, Suite 400 in Columbus.

Where can I find more information? Information is available on the Board website at www.nursing.ohio.gov under the “Prescriptive Authority Resources” link. Relevant sections of the Nurse Practice Act, also available on the Board website under the “Law and Rules” link are Sections 4723.49, 4723.491, 4723.492, and 4723.50, ORC.
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Advisory Group on Continuing Education — Chair: Jane McFee
2016: October 21

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2016: October 6

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You may also request a copy of a public disciplinary record by completing the electronic form on the Board's website at: \[http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/iw-DisciplineRecReq.htm\]

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