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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 610 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Nursing
Rule No. 610-X-3-.05
Rule Title Outcome Standards
 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer *Genevieve Lee*

Date 1-20-2012

DATE FILED
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ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

RULE NO. & TITLE: Rule 610-X-3-.05, Outcome Standards

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the regulations related to outcome standards to specify the reporting period for NCLEX® results.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Administrative Code, Rule 610-X-3-.05, Outcome Standards. A copy of the proposed amended rule may be found on the Board's web site, www.abn.alabama.gov, under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes." The proposed changes clarify requirements for the time period a nursing education program has to correct deficiencies related to the national licensure exam scores.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or oral comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Verbal or written comments be directed to N. Genell Lee, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at Genell.Lee@abn.alabama.gov or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: N. Genell Lee, Executive Officer.



Executive Officer

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

RULE 610-X-3-.05

OUTCOME STANDARDS

Rule 610-X-3-.05 Outcome Standards

(1) Graduates shall demonstrate theoretical and clinical competence for entry into practice.

(2) Program gGraduates taking the national licensure examination for the first time during the designated reporting period shall achieve, as a composite of first-time writers, shall achieve no less than an eighty percent (80%) pass rate on a board-selected national licensure exam. The designated reporting period is the Board's fiscal year, which runs from October 1 of one year to September 30 of the following year.

(3) Programs shall adhere to their written plan for the systematic evaluation of the total program that is comprehensive, demonstrates ongoing evaluation, is based on program outcomes and incorporates continuous improvement. The systematic evaluation plan shall include:

(a) Collection, aggregation, analysis and trending of data.

(b) Programmatic outcomes, levels of achievement, evaluative criteria, assignment of responsibility, frequency of assessment, methods of achievement, actions taken and quantitative data collected.

(c) Ongoing evaluation and revisions based on the evaluation.

(d) A mechanism for accountability for academic integrity.

(4) Programs shall maintain and produce at the Board's request, an articulation plan for program graduates.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-5

History: September 27, 1982. Amended May 6, 1985. Amended May 23, 1997.

Repealed and Replaced: Filed July 22, 2002. Effective August 26, 2002. **Amended:** Filed September 25, 2006. Effective October 31, 2006. **Amended:** Filed September 21, 2007. Effective October 26, 2007. **Amended:** Filed November 19, 2010. Effective December 24, 2010. Proposed amendment filed January 20, 2012.