

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Board Communication

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SUBJECT: Emergency Rule Document #13347 Renewal and Reinstatement Requirements
for Nursing Licenses

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Attached is an emergency rule amending Nur 401.015 through Nur 401.07 from the N.H. Board of Nursing (Board) on renewal and reinstatement requirements for nursing licenses (Document # 13347, effective 2-8-22).

Item #8 of the Cover Sheet indicates that the emergency rule implements the Governor's Executive Order #2021-12 on November 23, 2021 that boards which license healthcare professionals, including the Board of Nursing, are "hereby authorized and directed to identify all tools available to streamline licensing, increase eligibility, and implement other strategies that will assist the healthcare system in the coming months."

Item #8 goes on to explain that Nur 401.02-.07 currently requires all applicants for renewal or reinstatement to show that they have been "active in practice". If they cannot show this, the applicants must participate in a re-entry program. The emergency rule would limit the "active in practice" requirements to those applicants who have not held a license in the last 5 years. The Board believes this will expedite the reinstatement of nursing professionals who held an active license at some point in the last 5 years, thereby increasing the number of licensees consistent with the conditions specified in Executive Order 2021-12. Therefore, the Board has adopted the emergency rule.

Please note that the JLCAR may not object to an emergency rule, but it may petition pursuant to RSA 541-A:18, IV for repeal if the grounds for an emergency rule are not met. Unless readopted, the emergency rule will expire on August 7, 2022.