Guidelines for Grandfathering APRNs by Endorsement

Scenario One: No graduate degree in an APRN role:
An applicant has been licensed or recognized in another state, but has NOT received a graduate degree in an APRN role:
**Recommendation:** Endorse if they have national, advanced certification and current practice in the role and population requested.

Scenario Two: No certification
An applicant has a graduate degree, but has never been certified as an APRN.
**Recommendation:** Do not endorse

Scenario Three: Graduate degree is NOT in one of the six populations described in the APRN Consensus Model.
An applicant has a graduate degree in an APRN role, but it is not in one of the six populations described in the APRN Consensus Model.
**Recommendation:** Endorse if they have national, advanced certification and current practice in the role and population requested.

Scenario Four: No verification of 500 clinical hours (or equivalent clinical requirement) and/or the 3 P courses (pathophysiology, pharmacology and physical assessment).
An applicant has a graduate degree in an APRN role and population, but cannot provide verification of 500 clinical hours or the 3 P’s during his/her APRN education program.
**Recommendation:** Endorse if their education preceded state adoption of the APRN Consensus Model requirements.

Scenario Five: Graduate education and certification is adult only OR gerontology.
An applicant is an NP with a graduate degree in adult health OR gerontology only.
**Recommendation:** Endorse and continue population designation of adult OR gerontology and practice with that specific population only.

Scenario Six: Graduate degree in adult or pediatrics, but without acute or primary care designation.
An applicant is a nurse practitioner with a graduate degree in adult or pediatrics but completed the program prior to the acute or primary care designation.
**Recommendation:** Endorse with the designation of “adult” or “pediatric” and continue in practice consistent with education and certification.
**Scenario Seven:** *National certification is in a specialty area.*
An applicant has a graduate degree in an APRN role, but certification is in a specialty only *(no role certification).*
**Recommendation:** Do not endorse.

**Scenario Eight:** *Practice in a population different from his/her graduate education and certification.*
The applicant has been practicing with a population different from his/her graduate education and certification and requests licensure with the population they have been practicing in.
**Recommendation:** Endorse into the role and population of their graduate education and certification.