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TITLE OF STANDARD

REPORTING OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS BY BOARDS OF NURSING

FORWARD

In November 2013, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) received the designation of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Developer Organization. In support of NCSBN's mission, this designation is for the purpose of developing and promoting increased recognition and voluntary adoption of standards of excellence in the regulation of nursing practice through nurse licensure and competency assessment throughout the U.S. and its territories.

This standard has been developed by the NCSBN Standards Development Committee with the intention that it will be submitted to ANSI for adoption as a national standard.

EXPLANATION OF NEED

The primary purpose of boards of nursing (BON) is to protect the public. Violations of the state nurse practice act may result in adverse action on a license. It is incumbent on BONs to report the adverse actions taken on a nurse to a shared database in order to protect the public when nurses relocate to another state or practice remotely across state borders.

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

This standard relates to a board of nursing reporting disciplinary actions to a shared database.

IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

The NCSBN Standards Development Committee (NSDC) has identified the following stakeholders related to this standard:

Member boards

NOMENCLATURE

Board of Nursing – the entity within a state, territory or other jurisdiction of the United States responsible for the regulation of nurses and nursing practice. The entity is considered a primary source of licensing information.

Coordinated licensure information system – an integrated process for collecting, storing, and sharing primary source information on nurse licensure and enforcement activities related to nurse licensure laws that is administered by a nonprofit organization composed of and controlled by licensing boards.

Disciplinary action – an adverse action on a nurse’s license taken by a board of nursing and as defined by the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB)

EXISTING STANDARDS

No existing standards have been identified.

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1.0 A board of nursing shall report all final disciplinary actions it takes against a licensee to a coordinated licensure information system.

2.0 A board of nursing shall make a report pursuant to Section 1.0 of this Standard no later than 15 calendar days from the entry of the disciplinary action.

WRITTEN INTERPRETATION OF THE STANDARD

The purpose of this Standard is to provide for reporting of disciplinary actions by a board of nursing to a coordinated licensure information system in order to inform other boards of nursing of the adverse action. NCSBN maintains such a coordinated licensure information system and reports required actions to the NPDB.

While the National Practitioner Data Bank’s (NPDB) policies and guidelines are used to determine what constitutes final disciplinary action for purposes of reporting, the NPDB is not a coordinated licensure information system as defined by this Standard. The requirement to report to the NPDB is independent of this Standard.