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TITLE OF STANDARD

PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

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. BONs issue licenses to qualified individuals. Nurses often relocate to other states and practice remotely across state borders. In order to insure a properly vetted workforce, boards of nursing must receive primary source information on current licensure that is both accurate and timely. Current use of paper documents present a greater risk for fraud than those sent through a secure electronic transmission.

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

This standard relates to a board of nursing issuing primary source verification of licensure through a secure electronic transmission for endorsement of an applicant to another board of nursing.

IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

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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 of 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

Secure electronic transmission – encrypted transmission from and to a system which enforces approved user access to control the flow of information within the system and between interconnected systems, and also protects the confidentiality and integrity of information at rest.

EXISTING STANDARDS

No existing standards have been identified.

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1.0 A Board of Nursing shall conduct primary source verification of licensure on an applicant for licensure by endorsement.

2.0 Primary source verification shall be obtained from a board of nursing or a coordinated licensure information system.

Section 2.1 The coordinated licensure information system shall be a board of nursing designated primary source equivalent information system.

3.0 Primary source verification shall be obtained via a secure electronic transmission from the board of nursing or the coordinated licensure information system.

4.0 The primary source shall provide license verification within ten business days.

WRITTEN INTERPRETATION OF THE STANDARD

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The purpose of this Standard is to describe a mechanism to obtain primary source verification of a license from one board of nursing for the purpose of endorsement into another board of nursing. Electronic transmission will accomplish verification efficiently and securely to decrease potential for fraud.