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### Notice of proposed changes relating to initial licensure requirements for advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) and checklists used for review of application

#### Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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#### 1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

- **12 AAC 44.400.** Requires for initial applicant for nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwife, or clinical nurse specialists to have completed on or after January 1, 1998, has distinct course offerings of three graduate credits or more in advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacotherapeutics, and advanced physical assessment.
- For certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) initial applicant, to have completed on or after January 1, 2016, has distinct course offerings in advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacotherapeutics, and advanced physical assessment. The proposal is to remove the “three graduate credits or more” requirements for CRNA graduate applicants to meet the initial APRN licensure requirements. This was inadvertently missed during the last regulations project when the CRNA provisions were repealed and combined with current term advanced practice registered nurse (APRN).
- **12 AAC 44.321.** This is to update the checklist that the board adopts by reference and used by the staff to review initial APRN application. The update to the checklist is a conforming amendments due to the proposal under 12 AAC 44.400 since the CRNAs license category have now been combined with APRNs, and to replace the outdated term “advanced nurse practitioner” with the current term “advanced practice registered nurse” and repeal provisions that treated certified registered nurse anesthetists as a separate from other advanced practice nurse practitioners.

#### 2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

None known.

#### 3. When will the regulations be effective?

After public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, or choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final

review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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