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COMAR 10.33.01 Review:

As outlined in the last newsletter, and posted on the Board's website, the Board is currently undergoing an extensive regulatory review. In accordance with State Government Article, §§10-130–10-139, Annotated Code of Maryland, each State agency that adopts regulations must review those regulations every 8 years. The purpose of the review is to determine whether the regulations are necessary for the public interest, continue to be supported by statutory authority and judicial opinion, or are appropriate for amendment or repeal. The Board hopes to have completed its initial review by mid May, and will forward to all Nursing Home Administrators and interested parties copies of the proposed amendments for comment.



On-Line Renewals:

The Board is currently reviewing the process involved in offering on-line license renewal. It is believed that the system can be in place and offered to all licensed Nursing Home Administrators by July 1, 2009. All NHA's will have the option to use the on-line renewal process, or complete the blue renewal application and forward the affidavit of attendance with your check as you have done in the past. As the Board's office moves forward with this process, detailed instructions will be forwarded to all licensees.



In Memoriam:

The Board was saddened to learn that Mr. John Darden, NHA at FutureCare Sandtown-Winchester died suddenly on March 1, 2009. Mr. Darden was licensed in Maryland on July 14, 1997.

A lot of trainees may remember having met Capt. Arthur N. Rogers, III. Art was a consumer member on the Board, and made many trainee visits as well as serving on the Credentials Committee. He passed away in his sleep between New Year's day and January 2nd. Art was a decorated Vietnam Vet, an asset to the Board, and a good friend.

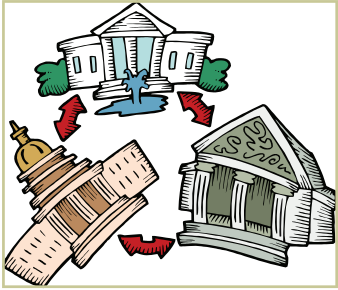
From the Desk of the Executive Director:



The Board and this office is going through a lot of change with the regulatory review and changes in Board membership. Now would be a great time for licensees to let the office know of any changes that you would like to see. Recommendations for improvements in office procedures and processes along with the website are always welcome.

I am in the process of recruiting for the Deputy position, which has been vacant since July 1st. Unfortunately, while going through the recruitment process, the position was subject to a budgetary cut by the Department of Health, and has been reduced to 50%. Once the Department has completed its review of applications, it will forward a list of eligible candidates, and interviewing can begin. Hopefully someone should be in place by the end of April. Meanwhile, while I am in Annapolis, attending meetings, or visiting training programs, there is no telephone coverage, and I appreciate how patient everyone has been.

Legislative Update:



A proposal for a task force on the discipline of health care professionals and improved patient care passed last legislative session. The taskforce studied the following issues:

- Practices and procedures supporting the fundamental goals and objectives of the health occupation boards' disciplinary program;
- Potential changes to the Health occupation boards' current organizational structure and the relationship of all boards to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
- Measures that will otherwise enhance the fair, consistent, and speedy resolution of reports concerning substandard, illegal, or unethical practices by health care professionals.

This session, House Bill 1275, and Senate Bill 956 came about as a result of the task force meetings. Some of the changes suggested in the bills would be that all health occupation boards collect racial and ethnic information about the applicant as part of the boards' licensing, certifying, or renewal process. The Board shall notify all licensees of Board vacancies. On or after October 1, 2009, each health occupations board shall post each order for a disciplinary sanction issued to a licensee on the Board's website. Achievable goals shall be established for the timeliness of complaint resolution. The final language will be incorporated into the Board's practices, regulations, and/or laws as required.

The Board opposed Senate Bill 471, which, among other things, would have required the renaming of the Board to the "Board of Nursing Home Administrators and Assisted Living Managers"; altered the composition of the Board; and required the Board to establish qualification requirements for obtaining and retaining an assisted living certificate. By the time the Board appeared before the Senate Finance Committee to present testimony, most of the language had been redacted, but the language concerning the Board composition was addressed.

Continuing Education Regulations:

The Board's office receives many questions about credit, pre-approval, online and correspondence courses, retroactive approval, etc. Hopefully, the following guidelines will assist all licensees:

- CEU regulations are in COMAR 10.33.01.12. These regulations may be reviewed or downloaded from the Board's website at www.dhmd.state.md.us/bonha/
- Only pre-approved courses will count for CE credit. There is no retroactive approval or credit.
- All courses must be pre-approved by this Board, the National Association of Long Term Care Administrators, or another State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators. No other approving body is recognized.
- Courses must be submitted for review/approval at least 45 days in advance of the course offering.
- Licensees may take online or correspondence courses without limit, as long as the courses are NAB or Board-approved. Licensees may obtain all 40 hours from either online or correspondence coursework.
- All licensees are required to submit copies of the continuing education certificates along with the affidavit of attendance listing all programs.
- A maximum of six hours of Board-approved continuing education may be carried over into the next renewal period.



New Board Member:

The Board welcomes the addition of Michelle F. Kraus to its compliment. Ms. Kraus has been licensed as a Nursing Home Administrator in Maryland since 1997, and is currently the Administrator of Arcola Health and Rehabilitation Center in Silver Spring, MD.

Ms. Kraus is serving in the slot vacated by Timothy Johnson, who has moved out of Maryland.

A Call for Expert Witnesses:

When it is necessary for the Board to investigate a complaint filed against a Nursing Home Administrator, and the matter is reviewed for formal charges, it is assigned to a Prosecuting Assistant Attorney General. As you know, the field of long term care administration is varied and complex, and on occasion, the prosecutor may request an expert witness to review the complaint and investigative report with supporting documentation. The expert witness can explain to the prosecutor how an administrator would normally react or handle a situation to enable the prosecutor to understand an administrator's scope of practice to help him or her better prepare the case for a hearing.

If you feel you would be interested in contracting with the Board to serve in the role of expert witness, please advise this office. Assignments are made on a case by case basis, and the Board is able to reimburse an expert at the rate of \$75 per hour.

Licensed Nursing Home Administrators:



In 2008, and so far in 2009, the following individuals have been licensed to practice as nursing home administrators in Maryland:

David C. Burke	R 1757	01/11/08
Amy Sanfilippo-Steadman	R 1758	01/20/08
Rosema Jackielyn Taylor	R 1759	03/03/08
Samaria R. Edwards	R 1760	03/07/08
Rebecca L. Cuppett	R 1761	03/07/08
Tara M. "Shellie" Davis	R 1762	03/14/08
Lois Annette Hodges	R 1763	04/03/08
Sr. Margaret Ann Knebel	R 1764	04/15/08
Karen P. Howes	R 1765	04/15/08
Michele Young	R 1766	05/02/08
Sharon L. May	R 1767	05/15/08
Charles R. Woodberry	R 1768	05/20/08
Nola L. Blowe	R 1769	05/22/08
Zachary S. Gray	R 1770	06/19/08
Kyla G. Glantz	R 1771	07/16/08
Michelle L. Connolly	R 1772	07/29/08
Rachel S. Kruth	R 1773	07/31/08
Jane K. Ruark	R 1774	09/15/08
Grant T. Linacre	R 1775	09/16/08
Martha A. Coleman	R 1776	09/24/08
James Michael Harris	R 1777	10/10/08
VOID	R 1778	
Laurie A. Nelson	R 1779	10/27/08
Bernard J. Rochowiak	R 1780	11/13/08
Sarrina Kearney	R 1781	11/14/08
Henri E. Carlton	R 1782	11/21/08
Delores L. Smith	R 1783	11/24/08
Sandra Lee Sullivan	R 1784	12/22/08
Keith A. Jackson	R 1785	01/16/09
John C. Brice	R 1786	02/20/09

Maryland Approved Continuing Education:

April 7, 2009

"Maryland Medicaid Eligibility Overview:
Recent Changes in Families and Children and Long Term Care Coverage"

Stella Maris Auditorium, Timonium, MD

Sponsored by: Stella Maris, Inc.

Contact: Rose Kendig, (410) 252-4500, ext. 7205

Folder #3120, 3 Hours

April 16 - 17, 2009

"Gateway to Hope and Healing"

The Conference Center at the Maritime Institute
Linthicum Heights, MD

Sponsored by: Brain Injury Association of Maryland

Contact: Suzanne Kantt, (410) 448-2924

Folder #3121, 7 Hours April 16th, 6½ Hours April 17th

April 17, 2009

"Elder Abuse: Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults"

Hagerstown Community College, Hagerstown, MD

Sponsored by: Hagerstown Community College

Contact: Deborah Staley, (301) 790-2800, ext. 454

Folder #3107, 6 Hours

April 23, 2009

"The Four F's - Function, Falls, Fractures & Frailty"

Perry Point Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Perry Point, MD

Sponsored by: Chesapeake Health Education Programs

Contact: Gail Pfouts, (410) 642-1195

Folder #3108, 5½ Hours

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Maryland Approved Continuing Education:



April 24, 2009
"GRN 119 Keeping Older Adults Safe: Strategies for Elder Abuse Prevention, Detection and Intervention"
Frederick Community College
Sponsored by: Frederick Community College

Contact: Ms. Suzan M. Adams, (301) 624-2732
Folder #3124, 5 Hours

May 1, 2009
"Creating the Right Environments for the Future"
Merle Elliott CE Conference Ctr., Hagerstown, MD
Sponsored by: Hagerstown Community College
Contact: Angela Stoops, (301) 790-2800, ext. 397
Folder #3118, 6½ Hours

May 7, 2009
"Conflict Resolution and Dealing with a Difficult Family Member"
Stella Maris Auditorium, Timonium, MD
Sponsored by: Stella Maris, Inc.
Contact: Rose Kendig, (410) 252-4500, ext. 7205
Folder #3122, 3 Hours

May 8, 2009
"Effective Wound Management: Improving Outcomes"
Hagerstown Community College Campus, Hagerstown, MD
Sponsored by: Hagerstown Community College
Contact: Deborah Staley, (301) 790-2800, ext. 454
Folder #3111, 6½ Hours

June 5, 2009
"Providing Dementia Care: Enhancing Outcomes"
Hagerstown Community College Campus, Hagerstown, MD
Sponsored by Hagerstown Community College
Contact: Deborah Staley, (301) 790-2800, ext. 454
Folder #3113, 6 Hours

June 8, 2009
"Strategies for Effective Skin and Wound Care"
Perry Point Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Perry Point, MD
Sponsored by: Chesapeake Health Education Programs
Contact: Gail Pfouts, (410) 642-1195
Folder #3109, 5½ Hours

On-Line Licensure Verification:

It is now possible to verify Nursing Home Administrator licenses on-line. Visit the Board's website at: www.dhmf.state.md.us/bonha/ and click on the link:



<https://mdbnc.dhmf.md.gov/NHVerification>

Happy Spring!



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