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655 IAC - Chapter 6 - Scope of Practice

The Iowa Board of Nursing published the notice of intended action (ARC 5172C) for the proposed Iowa Administrative Code (IAC), Chapter 6, Scope of Practice rules on September 10, 2020. The public comment period ended September 29, 2020. Written and verbal comments were received. The rules and comments will be placed on the January 2021 Board meeting agenda for discussion and action.

Important Reminders About License Renewals

The most frequently asked question received at the Board office is licensees calling to ask where their license wallet card is after they have renewed.

The answer is: **Wallet cards are no longer issued.**

After you have renewed your license, you will receive an email confirmation about the transaction.

Since 7/1/2019, the renewal process no longer includes sending a wallet card. Licensees and/or employers may now verify a license status through the [IBON Online Services](#) portal, by clicking on the [license verification tab](#). The license number is needed to perform the verification. Once entered, the system will provide a screen with the license number, status, nurse license compact status, license type, original issue date, issue date for the current license and the expiration date of the license. If you want to have a paper document for your wallet or file, there is an option to print a screen shot of the information, *but the information on the printed copy will not reflect any changes to the license should there be any during your licensure period.*

Interesting News

Click on the heading links below for more information.

[Upcoming Board Meetings are listed on the Board's website](#)

The next regularly scheduled Board conference call is November 4, 2020. Agendas (posted no later than 24 hours before a meeting) and approved minutes can be found at [Board Meeting Records](#)

[Emergency Proclamations Continue](#)

The license relief emergency proclamation, among other extensions, set forth by Governor Kim Reynolds was continued on October 16, 2020, and runs through November 15th. Click on the emergency proclamation link to see the Board's COVID19 webpage. **The Board strongly**

Another frequently asked question is about licensees who have lost their sign-in information and/or their password for access to the IBON Online Services portal. Board staff does not have access to this information. As such, licensees are highly encouraged to keep their Account ID and password in a secure location between renewals. For assistance with your login, please contact the State of Iowa Service Desk at 515-281-5703 or 800-532-1174.

Alternatively, you can see the [Board's YouTube channel](#) for videos on the topic of setting up your account, or if you have forgotten your password. That same channel also has videos about reporting criminal offenses to the Board.

Did you know you need to tell the Board within 30 days of a move or a name change? Email your name or address changes to ibon@iowa.gov. Include your name and license number along with your former address and new address. For name changes, include your complete former name and new name, license number and address.

[Nurse Licensure Compact \(NLC\) Information](#)

If you have questions about the status of your license, according to the NLC, see the NCSBN website: [NLC Top FAQs](#), along with [educational videos](#) and [NLC Rules](#).

Call for Workforce Advisory Committee Members

The Iowa Center for Nursing Workforce, a program under the Iowa Board of Nursing, is seeking committee members to replace four members whose terms have ended.

Mission Statement: The Iowa Center for Nursing Workforce exists to support a dynamic, well-prepared and diverse nurse workforce to meet the health and wellness needs of Iowans.

Iowa's nursing workforce center is staffed by an IBON employee. The charge of the advisory committee is as follows:

- 1) Identify the overall strategic direction for the Iowa Center for Nursing Workforce.
- 2) Establish priorities for the Iowa Center for Nursing Workforce.

Advisory members meet three times each year. In-person meetings run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Des Moines. However, in the immediate future, meetings will be held via an online meeting platform and run from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The dates for 2021 are yet to be determined.

Available positions include:

- A representative of a public or private college offering BSN or higher in nursing degrees
- A practicing registered nurse educated at the ADN or BSN level
- A practicing registered nurse educated at the LPN level

encourages licensees to renew on time.

[Resources Available for Nurses Dealing with Substance Use and/or Mental Health Concerns during the Pandemic](#)

The Iowa Board of Nursing recognizes that during this time of crisis and world-wide COVID-19 pandemic, licensed professionals may be struggling to live and work each day, particularly those professionals dealing with substance use or mental health concerns. Consistency is a part of recovery and we understand that may be difficult right now. Your health and safety is important to us. We encourage those who are already a part of the Board's monitoring program to continue down the path of recovery.

For those who are not part of a program but find yourself struggling, we encourage you to reach out. If you would like to self-report and need assistance with substance use and or mental health concerns, please contact [the Iowa Nurse Assistance Program](#) (INAP) staff:

Rhonda Ruby, MS, RN
INAP Program
Coordinator
Rhonda.Ruby@iowa.gov
(515) 725 4008

Michele Royer, LBSW
INAP Case Manager
Michele.Royer@iowa.gov
(515) 725 3389

- A public member

Interested parties should submit a cover letter and resume to:

Laura Hudson, MSN, RN
Associate Director – CE/Workforce
400 S.W. 8th Street, Suite B
Des Moines, IA 50309-4685

All letters and resumes must be received in the board office by November 30th for consideration. Applicants are approved by the Board and will be notified by board staff of the appointments after the IBON meeting held in January 2021.

For more information about the work of the Iowa Center for Nursing Workforce and to see current advisory committee members see the website: [The Center](#)



Have you seen or heard about the documentary released in honor of Emergency Nurses Week (October 11-17) this year? "In Case of Emergency" brilliantly portrays life in the days of emergency department nurses. There's even an Iowa nurse featured in this film.

Free access is available for a *limited time*. See the link to this 90 minute movie at: <https://www.incaseofemergency.film/>

The [American Nurses Association](#) has [launched a Resilience and Nurse Suicide Prevention Resource Site](#). The information and tools on the ANA site are provided to address the issue of suicide prevention. Please visit the site to find the tools and information to help. Share this information with your colleagues.

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