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RESCISSION OF EMERGENCY RULES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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This memo serves as notice that the Washington state board of nursing (board) is rescinding the CR-103 emergency rule amendments. The emergency rule amendments clarify specific licensing requirements for registered nurse (RN) and licensed practical nurse (LPN) applicants applying for initial licensure via an out-of-state traditional nursing education program approved by another United States nursing board, and applicants applying via interstate endorsement. The emergency rule was filed April 30, 2024, and published as WSR 24-10-096. The effective date of the rescission is May 27, 2024, the effective date of the permanent rule.

The board is rescinding this CR-103E because the emergency rule for WAC 246-840-030 and 246-840-090 is no longer necessary. Permanent rules for WAC 246-840-030 and 246-840-090 mirror the emergency rule text and clarify the board's authority to determine if another state's board-approved nursing program substantially meets Washington state requirements. The board is aware that certain nursing programs across the nation have had programs fraudulently granting diplomas. The permanent rules ensure that a fraudulent nursing program or a program that does not meet Washington state standards cannot be accepted as qualifying RNs and LPNs for licensure in Washington state.

Individuals requiring information on this rule should contact Jessilyn Dagum at 360-236-3538 or email WABON.Rules@doh.wa.gov.

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