



Extension of Approvals Due to Expire – COVID-19 Declared Emergency Education Programs, Training Programs, and OBN Approvers of CE Communication March 31, 2020

Coronavirus Omnibus Legislation (HB197) was signed by Governor DeWine on March 27, 2020. The law authorizes the following which applies to individual licenses and to the **Board approval status of nursing education programs, training programs, and OBN Approvers of CE**, that will expire during the time period specified below.

- Licenses¹ expiring during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D on March 9, 2020 will remain valid until the earlier of either 90-days after the date the emergency ends or December 1, 2020 unless revoked, suspended, or otherwise subject to discipline or limitations. *Although the language specifies “licenses”, as defined in the law, this also applies to Board approvals.*
- If a person is required by law to take an action to maintain the validity of a license during the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D on March 9, 2020, the person must take that action not later than the sooner of either 90-days after the date the emergency ends or December 1, 2020. *Although the language specifies “licenses”, as defined in the law, this also applies to Board approvals.*

Although the Board is sending this communication to inform all education and training programs and OBN Approvers, the Board is determining specifically which approvals are due to expire between March 9, 2020, and December 1, 2020 and will follow-up directly with those impacted.

If you have questions, email education@nursing.ohio.gov

¹ “License” means any license, permit, certificate, commission, charter, registration, card, or other similar authority that is issued or conferred by a state agency, a political subdivision of this state, or an official of a political subdivision of this state.