

## BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

### INTERVENTION PROGRAM GUIDELINES UPDATE

#### TITLE 16, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTIONS 1446, 1447, AND 1447.1

#### SECTION 100. CHANGE WITHOUT REGULATORY EFFECT

The Board of Registered Nursing (Board) is amending Sections 1446, 1447, and 1447.1 of Article 4.1, Division 14 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) to reflect non-substantive changes to the language. Before SB 800 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, Chapter 426, Statutes of 2015) became effective, existing law provided for a diversion program to identify and rehabilitate registered nurses whose competency may be impaired due to abuse of alcohol, drugs, or mental illness. SB 800 changed the name of the Board's "Diversion Program" to "Intervention Program" for Registered Nurses. There were no substantive changes made for this section of the bill besides the name change. These proposed changes do not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription, or other regulatory element of any CCR provision.

The Board of Registered Nursing is proposing the following non-substantive changes to 16 CCR Sections 1446, 1447, and 1447.1:

- 1446 Definitions

"As used in this article:

- (a) "Program" means the alcohol and drug abuse and mental illness ~~diversion~~ intervention program for registered nurses authorized pursuant to Article 3.1 (commencing with Section 2770) of Chapter 6 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (b) "Committee" means ~~diversion~~ intervention evaluation committee consisting of the following members: Three registered nurses, one physician and one public member all of whom have expertise in the area of chemical dependency.
- (c) "Board" means Board of Registered Nursing."

- 1447. Criteria for Admission

"...(g) Agrees in writing to comply with all elements of the ~~diversion~~ intervention program.

(h) Has not had her/his license previously disciplined by the Board for substance abuse or mental illness.

(i) Has not been terminated from this or any other ~~diversion~~ intervention program for non-compliance."

- 1447.1 Procedure for Review for Applicants

"...(a) The program director and a nurse or physician consultant shall interview each applicant. They shall recommend such medical and/or psychiatric examinations as may be necessary to determine the applicant's eligibility for the program and shall request such other information, authorizations and releases as may be necessary for participation in the program. The ~~DI~~IEC shall advise the applicant that the applicant is

responsible for costs incurred for the examinations and rehabilitation aspects of the program.”