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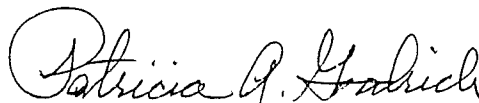
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES)

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I, Patricia A. Goodrich, Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services and custodian of the official records of the Department, do hereby certify that the annexed rules relating to qualifications of directors of public health nursing employed by local public health agencies were duly approved and adopted by this Department on October 10, 1988.

I further certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original on file in the Department and that this copy is a true copy of the original, and of the whole of the original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at the State Office Building, 1 W. Wilson Street, in the city of Madison, this 10th day of October, 1988.



Patricia A. Goodrich, Secretary
Department of Health and Social Services

SEAL:

ORDER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
REPEALING, AMENDING AND CREATING RULES

To repeal HSS 139.08(3); to amend HSS 139.06(1), 139.08(1), (2) and (5) and 139.09(1), (2) and (3); and to create HSS 139.09(4), relating to the qualifications of public health professionals serving as health officers for the purpose of communicable disease control, public health nurses and directors of public health nursing programs.

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Health and Social Services

The Department's rules on qualifications of public health professionals serving as health officers for the purpose of communicable disease control, public health nurses and directors of local public health nursing programs, ss. HSS 139.06, 139.08 and 139.09, went into effect on December 1, 1984. These rules give individuals who were employed as public health professionals serving as health officers for the purpose of communicable disease control, public health nurses and directors of local public health nursing programs on the effective date of the rules until December 1, 1989, to meet the qualifications. Since the rules have been in effect, the Department has learned that some persons covered by ss. HSS 139.06, 139.08 and 139.09 cannot obtain the required education without a great deal of expense or travel.

This order modifies the optional requirement that a person employed as director of a local public health nursing program on December 1, 1984, meet the education and experience requirements in s. HSS 139.09 by extending the compliance deadline to December 1, 1991. Further, the order permits an individual to continue to serve as director of a public health nursing program if that person was employed in that capacity on April 1, 1988 and was the recipient of a public health nurse certificate issued by the Department prior to December 1, 1984. All directors of local public health nursing programs hired after April 1, 1988, must meet the education and experience requirements in s. HSS 139.09.

This order also amends provisions of ss. HSS 139.06 and 139.08 which require public health professionals serving as health officers for the purpose of communicable disease control and public health nurses to have a degree from a nursing program accredited by the national professional nursing education accrediting organization or a degree from a nonaccredited nursing program but preparation in public health nursing in a program accredited by the national professional nursing education accrediting organization. Because there are no longer separately accredited programs in public health nursing preparation, the option of a degree from a nonaccredited program with preparation in public health nursing is deleted. The requirement of a degree from an accredited program is changed so that accreditation by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing is acceptable as an alternative to accreditation by the national professional nursing education accrediting organization. This change is made because in some parts of the state there are no nursing programs accredited by the national organization.

Finally, the order extends by two years, to December 1, 1991, the deadline by which public health nurses must meet the requirements in s. HSS 139.08. This change is made in response to the uncertainty that has surrounded the rule since its promulgation in 1984.

The Department's authority to repeal, amend and create these rules is found in ss. 140.05(3), 141.01(3)(a) and 141.045(1), Stats. These rules interpret ss. 140.05(1), 141.01(3)(a) and 141.045, Stats.

SECTION 6. HSS 139.09(4) is created to read:

HSS 139.09(4) Employed on April 1, 1988 as the director of a public health nursing program, and a recipient of a public health nurse certificate issued by the department prior to the effective date of this chapter.

The repeal and amendments contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22(2), Stats.

Wisconsin Department of Health and
Social Services

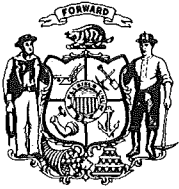
Date: October 10, 1988

By:



Patricia A. Goodrich
Secretary

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State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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October 10, 1988

Mr. Orlan Prestegard
Revisor of Statutes
7th Floor - 30 on the Square
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Mr. Prestegard:

As provided in s. 227.20, Stats., there is hereby submitted a certified copy of HSS 139, administrative rules relating to qualifications of directors of public health nursing employed by local public health agencies.

These rules are also being submitted to the Secretary of State as required by s. 227.20, Stats.

These rules apply to local public health agencies. They do not affect small businesses as defined in s. 227.114(1)(a), Stats.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Goodrich".

Patricia A. Goodrich
SECRETARY

Enclosure