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NCSBN INTRODUCES ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS TO NURSYS[®]

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) (www.ncsbn.org) is pleased to announce that it is now allowing public online access to Nursys[™] to assist with nurse licensure verifications. Nursys is a national nurse licensure repository. Participating boards of nursing have been regularly feeding licensure and discipline data into Nursys since 1999. There are currently 22 boards of nursing providing data to Nursys and over one million licensure records of nurses. Public access to Nursys is limited to licensure verification information for registered and practical/vocational nurses.

The Nursys[®] *Verification Request Application* is available to nurses required to provide license verification to a board of nursing. Nurses complete the verification request application and Nursys will post the corresponding licensure information for online review by all boards of nursing. Nurses pay \$30 per application request, purchased online with a major credit card.

Nursys[®] Licensure QuickConfirm provides online nurse license verification to employers and others. Verification reports provide data on licensure, discipline and status of privilege to practice in states within the Nurse Licensure Compact (compact). Proof of licensure is available for all nurses within participating compact jurisdictions (complete list found at www.nursys.com). Participants in the compact allow a nurse to have one license (in his or her state of residency) and practice in other compact states, subject to each state's practice laws and regulations. Under this mutual recognition model, a nurse may practice across state lines unless otherwise restricted. Nursys is the only national verification source that reports practice privilege restrictions for nurses within compact jurisdictions. The fee to verify an unlimited number of licenses from compact states is \$5 per nurse.

Additional information on the public access to Nursys can be found at www.nursys.com or via e-mail at nursysinfo@ncsbn.org.

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