

REMINDER FROM THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF NURSING

Deadline Approaching to Earn Continuing Education

As a condition of your 2015 and all subsequent renewals, Tennessee advanced practice nurses in possession of a certificate of fitness to prescribe, will be required to complete two (2) hours of continuing education related to controlled substance prescribing practices which must include instruction in the Department's treatment guidelines on opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and carisoprodol, and may include such other topics as medicine addiction and risk management tools. (<http://health.state.tn.us/Downloads/ChronicPainGuidelines.pdf>)

More information is available on the Board of Nursing website (<http://health.state.tn.us/Boards/Nursing/index.htm>) or by calling the Board at (615) 532-5166.

Duty to Keep Practitioner Profile and CSMD Information Current

Pursuant to Public Chapter 898 (<http://state.tn.us/sos/acts/108/pub/pc0898.pdf>), the Department of Health is directed to update existing provider profiles with the supervisory relationship contained in the controlled substance database (CSMD). This means that, for the first time, supervisees will be listed on their supervising physician's profile. **Please take care to assure that the supervisory relationships noted in the CSMD and your practitioner profile are accurate and up-to-date.** Failure to timely update your profile shall constitute a violation of the nurse practice act and may result in disciplinary action.

A recent rule change requires all advanced practice nurses holding a certificate of fitness to prescribe to identify their supervising physician by entering that physician's driver's license number into the CSMD. (Rule 1140-11-.02, <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/1140/1140-11.20141127.pdf>) November, 2014

(a) All healthcare practitioner extenders, physician assistants, or advanced practice nurses with a certificate of fitness to prescribe who are registered in the database shall also submit to the database, within thirty (30) calendar days of registration, their supervising physician's driver's license number.