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Advanced Registered  
Nurse Practitioners: 4,696  
Dialysis Technicians Active: 459  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the newly elected 2012-2013 President of the Kentucky Board of Nursing, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Sally Baxter and I am from Maysville, but my job requires me to travel throughout the Commonwealth. As your president, I aim to bring my 23 years of long term care nursing; and overall, 28 years of nursing experience, to help develop and enforce state laws and policies protecting public health and welfare through the safe practice of nursing.

Most imminent of the important and exciting challenges to be faced by the KBN this year is the recruitment and employment of a new executive director, since, as many of you know, Dr. Charlotte Beason, EdD, RN, NEA has decided to begin her retirement as of July 31, 2012.

Dr. Beason has been Executive Director of the KBN for the past seven years and has helped ensure the protection of the public by overseeing Kentucky's nearly 75,000 nurses. She directed Kentucky's entry into the Nurse Licensure Compact in June of 2007 and served as a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrator's Executive Committee. Beason was an active member of NCSBN, co-chairing the Nurse Models Committee and serving as a member of TERCAP committee, as well as facilitating the Kentucky Board of Nursing's recognition for the 2008 NCSBN Regulatory Achievement Award. While Dr. Beason's retirement will leave a tremendous void in the KBN, we wish her the best for a well-deserved retirement after all her accomplishments and her service to the KBN during her tenure.

In addition to recognizing Dr. Beason, I would like also to thank the following outgoing KBN board members for their excellent service over the past 4 years. They are: Patricia Birchfield, APRN, Ann Fultz, LPN, Sonia Ruldoph, APRN and Gail Wise, RN.

Another individual I would like to bid farewell to is Joyce Bonick JD,RN. Joyce has worked for the KBN for the past fifteen years and has been responsible for the Credentials Branch which consists of licensure by examination, endorsement, reinstatements, SANE, KNAR and name and address changes for all licensees. Joyce led the way in Kentucky's licensure process becoming entirely computerized and cordless. We would like to wish Joyce the best in her retirement.

Finally, I would like to invite you to attend our committee and/ or board meetings, all of which are open to the public and the dates and times can be found on the KBN website. In the coming months, you will find in this publication information about further issues and developments involving the KBN.

I'm eager to work with you this year, and I'm confident that together, we can help maintain and even enhance the outstanding practice of nursing in our state.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Baxter RN". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sally Baxter, RN  
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After seven years, I find that I am composing my last editorial for the KBN Connection – these years have been exceptionally rewarding and while there is so much I'd like to say I will pass along only a few thoughts:

First and foremost, what a privilege it has been to work with you, the nurses of Kentucky, the KBN Board members and the phenomenal KBN staff. One of the best occurrences in life is to engage in work that is satisfying and enjoyable. Thanks to KBN's stakeholders, Board members and staff, I've had the joy of doing just that each and every day.

Yet again, I must write that the FY 2012-13 holds a number of challenges to KBN and to nursing practice. There is the familiar threat of budget cuts, even as the work of KBN is increased due to legislative mandates. New this year is the implementation of HB1, better known as the "Pill Mill Bill" the bill impacts advanced nursing practice and I hope each of you will take the time to read the various articles and FAQs that appear in the pages that follow. The bill modifies KBN's investigation and disciplinary processes and imposes additional requirements on the Board.

In Kentucky, the demand for nurses prepared at the baccalaureate level or for advanced practice and faculty roles continues to increase. The Kentucky Nurse Capacity Coalition (KNCC) continues to work toward facilitating the transition of nurses into baccalaureate and advanced practice programs at the state's institutions of higher learning– faculty of KCTCS and public/private colleges and universities are taking part in this effort. We hope that nurses across the state will be committed to the process as well.

KBN has elected Sally Baxter as Board President for the coming year. Sally's commitment to KBN and nursing is long standing. Please get to know her by reading her editorial in this edition.

KBN has conducted a nation-wide search to recruit the next Executive Director for the agency. At the time of this publication, their deliberations continued. It is their goal that a new Executive Director is in place on or before October 1, 2012. Until that time, Nathan Goldman, KBN General Counsel will serve as the Interim Executive Director. Nathan has been with KBN for over 17 years; he is part of the team working diligently to implement the provisions of HB1 and he is well-versed in the issues that impact KBN operations.



### *A Transition.....*

Joyce Bonick JD, RN, KBN Credentials Manager is retiring after a successful 15 year career with KBN. While some KY nurses might not recognize Joyce's name, all of you will recognize her numerous innovations and many have applauded the ease with which these changes enable submitting and tracking a license

application, registering for NCLEX, renewing a license and obtaining an immediate confirmation that the license is renewed, submitting a list of qualified graduates, changing an address – and the list goes on. Joyce has never failed to think one step ahead or to work with KBN IT staff, because of that, KBN has efficiently automated all credentialing activities. Recently the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) sent a team to a number of Boards to examine their licensure systems. At the end of the day the NCSBN reviewer concluded that the KBN process was a "gold standard" with aspects NCSBN hopes to incorporate into a national licensing system. Joyce leaves this as her legacy.

As a manager, Joyce was also responsible for over seeing the Kentucky Nurse Abuse Registry (KNAR). She routinely spoke to classes of new graduates to explain the licensing process; she was a regular participant in the KBN Leadership Program. Joyce coordinated KBN's move to criminal background checks for endorsement, reinstatement and initial licensure and she championed the use of digital fingerprints – which KBN has for some time sought permission to implement. Joyce Bonick has been a tremendous asset to KBN and she will be greatly missed.

### *Finally.....*

In the words of Henry Ellis "*All the art of living lies in a fine mingling of letting go and holding on.*" I leave KBN in the hands of a dedicated board and an excellent staff – as a licensed Kentucky nurse, I look forward to being a KBN stakeholder as they continue to safeguard the citizens of the state through legislation, regulation, education and activities too numerous to mention.

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resource to members and staff of KBN in reviewing and formulating prescription drug monitoring policies during the 2012 Legislative Session.

The Kentucky Board of Nursing is

pleased to recognize Paula Schenk for her ongoing excellence and sustained contributions to the KBN mission of public protection through safe nursing care.

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Paula S. Schenk, is Manager of the Consumer Protection Branch of the Kentucky Board of Nursing. In this position she has oversight for daily operations of the Investigation and Discipline and Compliance sections of the organization. Prior to assuming this role she was Supervisor of the KBN Compliance Section which monitors nurses whose licenses have been placed on probation or whom have requested admission into the Kentucky Alternative Recovery Effort (KARE) for Nurses Program. The purpose of the KARE for Nurses Program is to identify nurses whose abilities to provide nursing care are compromised by dependency on drugs or alcohol, and to assist these nurses so that they can return to competent and safe practice. As KBN's first KARE manager, Paula was pivotal in the development, implementation and ongoing success of the program. Her expertise in substance abuse and drug dependence is widely recognized across the state and she routinely speaks to both student and nursing groups on the subject. Paula also plays an active role in planning the Clinical Applications of the Principles of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (CAPTASA) Conference. Held annually in Kentucky, the purpose of this nationally recognized multidisciplinary program is the education of healthcare professionals and others on the most recent research and clinical application of treatment for those with a substance use disorder. In addition to her regular duties, Paula has been an assistive

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- AOS #39, "Scope of Registered Nursing Practice in the Deactivation of Internal Defibrillator"

Revisions to the following Advisory Opinion Statements were approved by the Kentucky Board of Nursing during their June 14-15, 2012, Board meeting:

- AOS #4, "Roles of Nurses in the Administration of Medication per Intraspinal Routes" – revised 6/2012
- AOS #8, "Role of the Registered Nurse First Assistant" – revised 6/2012
- AOS #23, "The Application and Removal of a Cast by Nurses, and Closed Reduction of Fracture by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses" – revised 6/2012



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## HOUSE BILL 1, THE PILL MILL BILL



The 2012 Special Session of the General Assembly passed House Bill 1, also known as the Pill Mill Bill. It is an attempt to address the prescription drug abuse problem in Kentucky. It affects all prescribers of controlled substances and their regulatory boards. It went into effect on July 20, 2012.

APRNs that have a Collaborative Agreement for the APRN's Prescriptive Authority for Controlled Substances (CAPA-CS) and a DEA number in Kentucky are required to register with KASPER, Kentucky's electronic monitoring system for controlled substances. Failure to register could result in disciplinary action. In addition, the bill sets specific prescribing standards for Schedule II and Schedule III with Hydrocodone drugs. A copy of the bill can be accessed on the Legislative Research Commission web site at [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov).

Another requirement is that APRNs with a CAPA-CS must earn 1.5 hours of continuing education on the use of KASPER, pain management, or addiction disorders. These hours are included in the five hours of

pharmacology required of all APRNs. This requirement will begin with the earning period starting November 1, 2012.

The Board of Nursing (along with other affected boards) is required to promulgate administrative regulations on various matters concerning controlled substance prescribing. These regulations were filed on July 20, 2012 as ordinary and emergency regulations. As emergency regulations, they are in effect as of July 20, 2012 and will remain in effect until the ordinary regulations go through the review process and go into effect. The regulations cover the following matters:

1. Creates prescribing standards related to controlled substances generally;
2. Sets a procedure for expedited review of complaints against APRNs related to improper, illegal, or inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances;
3. Creates a permanent ban on prescribing for any APRN convicted of a felony related to controlled substances;

4. Places restrictions short of a permanent ban on an APRN convicted of a misdemeanor relating to prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance; and

Places restrictions mirroring in time and scope any disciplinary action of another state which resulted from improper, illegal, or inappropriate prescribing or dispensing of a controlled substance.

The regulations that have been amended are 201 KAR 20:056, 057, 161, and 215. They can be reviewed through the KBN web site, [www.kbn.ky.gov](http://www.kbn.ky.gov).

In addition, the affected licensure boards shall cooperate with all law enforcement agencies in order to deter improper, illegal, or inappropriate prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances. This cooperation will include the sharing of information among and between licensure boards and law enforcement agencies regarding allegations of improper, illegal, or inappropriate prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances. The bill also requires law enforcement agencies to communicate with the regulatory boards.

In addition to the requirements imposed by House Bill 1, the Board of Nursing amended 201 KAR 20:057 to require all APRNs with a CAPA-CS and a DEA number to send a copy of the DEA number to the Board.

The state has created a KASPER Advisory Committee made up of representatives of various stakeholders. KBN has a representative on the committee, Sharon Mercer, the Board's Practice Consultant. The purpose of the committee is to advise the Cabinet for Health and Family Services on matters involving KASPER.

Questions about House Bill 1 or the administrative regulations can be directed to Nathan Goldman, KBN General Counsel, at (502) 429-3309 or [nathan.goldman@ky.gov](mailto:nathan.goldman@ky.gov).

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## THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL RENEWAL NOTIFICATION.

### 2012 RENEWAL INFORMATION

**BEGINS:** September 15, 2012 at 12:01 a.m.

**ENDS:** Midnight October 31, 2012, Eastern Time

**RENEWAL WEB ADDRESS:** <http://kbn.ky.gov/renewal.htm>

**NOTIFICATION OF RENEWAL:** When your license has been renewed you will receive an email notification to the email address you listed with KBN. You can also validate that your license was renewed from this site:

<http://kbn.ky.gov/onlinesrvs/bulkvalidation/>

**Clicking on the submit button at the end of the renewal application does not renew your license automatically.**

**NURSE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETING KBN FORMS:** The individual nurse is responsible for completing the forms necessary to obtain or maintain his or her nursing license. When forms are completed by employers, agencies or other individuals, inaccurate or incomplete information may be provided. On forms required by KBN, the nurse or candidate for nurse licensure affirms that he or she has completed the form and is responsible for the accuracy of the information provided. If false or inaccurate information is provided, the individual nurse is responsible. This is a component of the attestation statement at the end of KBN forms.

**RENEWAL FEES:** Print the confirmation page for your record of payment for your license renewal.

RN: \$50

LPN: \$50

APRN: \$40 for each designation (plus \$50 for the RN license)

SANE: \$35

Clicking on the "submit" button at the end of the renewal process is an attestation that you have or will have met the continuing competency requirements by midnight, October 31. Your license is NOT renewed when you click on the submit button.

#### LAST DAY OF RENEWAL

A license that is not renewed before 4:30 p.m. on October 31 will lapse at midnight on that date. Working on a lapsed license is a violation of Kentucky Nursing Law and subjects the individual to disciplinary action.

If an application is received before midnight on October 31st and an individual answers "No" to the disciplinary and conviction questions, a license MAY be renewed by noon on the next business day.

#### REQUIRED RENEWAL DOCUMENTATION

If you answered "yes" to the discipline, criminal, and/or the APRN national certification revocation questions, your license will not be renewed until KBN receives and reviews the required documents. If your license has not been renewed before midnight, Eastern Time, October 31, your license will lapse. You cannot practice as a nurse in Kentucky if your license has lapsed.

Required documentation includes:

1. Certified court records and letters of explanation, if you answer "yes" to the criminal activity question
2. Board certified orders and letters of explanation, if you an-

swer "yes" to the disciplinary question

3. Documentation from your APRN national certification organization if you answer "yes," that your national certification was revoked or issued on a provisional or conditional status
4. Other documentation requested by KBN staff.

#### NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT AND KENTUCKY LICENSE RENEWAL

If your primary state of residence is another compact state and you do not practice ONLY in a military/federal facility, you will not be able to renew your Kentucky RN or LPN license.

#### APRN RENEWAL

If you do not intend to practice as an APRN and want to relinquish your APRN license (allow it to expire) but do want to renew your RN license, access the RN/APRN renewal application. There will be a drop down selection for you to renew only your RN license.

If your national certification has expired, you will not be able to renew your license(s). You cannot practice as an APRN in Kentucky with an expired national certification.

To renew your APRN license in only one designation and your Kentucky RN license, you MUST use the RN-APRN link on the renewal web page (<http://kbn.ky.gov/renewal/default>). From this link, you will renew your RN and APRN licenses simultaneously, for the combined fee of \$90 (RN-\$50 and APRN-\$40).

To renew your APRN license in more than one designation and your Kentucky RN license, use the link listed above and select each designation that you want to renew by clicking on the appropriate radio button. The fee for renewing each APRN designation is \$40 per designation, plus the \$50 RN renewal fee. You must maintain current national certification in each designation.