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The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is coordinating the next National Take Back Day on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

On Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 14th opportunity in 7 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last April Americans turned in 450 tons (900,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,500 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,200 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 13 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 8.1 million pounds—more than 4,050 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about your local drop off site for the October 28 Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Diversion website https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html

How to dispose of drugs
https://archive.epa.gov/region02/capp/web/pdf/ppcpflyer.pdf

The Joint Commission has released new pain assessment and management standards that will take effect January 1, 2018 for all accredited hospitals. The new and revised standards come in response to the country’s opioid crisis, which every day claims 91 American lives as a result of overdoses, the Joint Commission said in an announcement.

As part of the national effort to address the opioid epidemic, the accreditor said it would implement those new pain standards and released a report that provides hospitals with its rationale and evidence for the standards.

Among the changes, the new standards will require hospitals to provide nonpharmacological pain treatment methods, alternatives that can include physical methods such as acupuncture and chiropractic therapy, as well as relaxation and cognitive behavioral therapy. It will also require hospitals to facilitate practitioner and pharmacist access to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program databases. Hospitals must also develop a pain treatment plan for patients and monitor patients identified as high risk for adverse outcomes related to opioid treatment.

The standards will require hospitals to:
• Identify pain assessment and pain management, including safe opioid prescribing, as a priority
• Actively involve the medical staff in leadership roles in organizational performance improvement activities to improve care, treatment and services, as well as patient safety
• Assess and manage patients’ pain and minimize the risks associated with treatment
• Collect, compile and analyze data to monitor performance

Last year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain — United States, 2016, advising practitioners to prescribe treatments other than opioids for chronic pain outside of active cancer treatment, palliative care and end-of-life care.

The new and revised requirements are available on The Joint Commission website, and will be in the fall 2017 E-dition release and the 2018 print manual for hospitals. (Contact: Trina Crow, tcrow@jointcommission.org)
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2017 RENEWAL INFORMATION

BEGIN: September 15, 2017 at 12:01 a.m.
END: Midnight October 31, 2017, EDT
RENEWAL WEB ADDRESS: kbn.ky.gov/Pages/renewal.aspx

NOTIFICATION OF RENEWAL: When your license has been renewed, you will receive an email notification to the email address you listed with KBN. You may also validate the expiration date of your license at www.kbn.ky.gov.

Clicking on the submit button at the end of the renewal application does not renew your license. Validate that your license was renewed from this site: http://kbn.ky.gov/onlinesrvs/bulkvalidation/

RENEWAL FEES: Print the confirmation page for your record of payment for your license renewal.
RN: $65
LPN: $65
APRN: $55 for each designation (Plus $65 for the RN license)
SANE: $50

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:
• Certified court records and letters of explanation, if you answer “yes” to the criminal activity question
• Board certified orders and letters of explanation, if you answer “yes” to the disciplinary question
• 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
• Other documentation requested by KBN staff.

NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT AND KENTUCKY LICENSE RENEWAL
If you declare a Compact State (other than KY) as your primary state of residence (PSOR), you will not be able to renew your KY 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 APRN 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 webpage (http://kbn.ky.gov/renewal/default). From this link, you will renew your RN and APRN licenses simultaneously, for the combined fee of $120 (RN-$65 and APRN-$55).

To renew your APRN license in more than one role designation and your Kentucky RN license, use the link listed above and select each role designation that you wish to renew by clicking on the appropriate radio button. The fee for renewing each APRN role designation is $55 per designation, plus the $65 RN renewal fee. You must maintain current national certification in each role designation.

If your primary residence is in a compact state and you hold a current RN multistate license in that state, you must use the “APRN Renewal Only (with RN license in another compact state)” link. You must provide the name of the state and the expiration date of your multistate RN license before you will be able to renew your Kentucky APRN license. You must keep your multistate RN license active in the state of your primary residence while you are practicing as an APRN in Kentucky. If your compact RN license and/or your national certification lapse, you may not practice as an APRN in Kentucky.

If an APRN holds both KY RN & APRN licenses or an APRN license only and is not prescribing controlled substances, the APRN needs to:
• Maintain current national certification,
• Earn 3.5 hours in pharmacology, and
• Earn 1.5 hours in Pediatric Head Abuse Trauma (if previously earned, you will need to earn a total of 5 hours in pharmacology)
If an APRN holds both KY RN & APRN licenses or is prescribing controlled substances, the APRN needs to:

- Maintain current national certification,
- Earn 3.5 hours in pharmacology,
- Earn 1.5 hours on the use of KASPER, pain management, or addiction disorders, and
- Earn 1.5 hours in Pediatric Head Abuse Trauma (if previously earned, you will need to earn a total of 5 hours in pharmacology).

DO NOT submit evidence of continuing competency earnings unless requested to do so. For questions about the APRN continuing competency requirement, e-mail Chessica Nation at Chessica.Nation2@ky.gov.

Current national certification from a Board recognized national certification organization in addition to current APRN and RN licensure is required to practice as an APRN in Kentucky. If your national certification lapses for any period of time while your APRN license is current, you may not practice as an APRN during the period of lapse certification. KBN does not give a grace period for lapse national certification.

APRN POPULATION FOClS ON ONCOLOGY AND CRITICAL CARE

APRNs holding a current license with a population focus in oncology or critical care who fail to renew their APRN license in those foci will be unable to reinstate your APRN License.

SANF RENEWAL

Before you will be able to renew your SANE credential, you must renew your RN license. When you have completed that process, proceed to the SANE link to renew your SANE credential. If you are a SANE and an APRN, renew your RN-APRN first (see previous information) and then renew your SANE credential from the SANE link.

If your primary residence is in a compact state, you must provide the state name and the expiration date of the multistate RN license you hold before you will be able to renew your Kentucky SANE credential. You must keep your multistate RN license active in the state of your primary residence during the period of time that you practice as a SANE in Kentucky. If your multistate RN license lapses, you may not practice as a SANE in Kentucky, even though your Kentucky SANE credential is current.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners must complete 5 contact hours related to the role of the sexual assault nurse examiner as part of the continuing competency requirement for renewal. DO NOT submit evidence of continuing competency earnings unless requested to do so. For questions about the SANE continuing competency requirement, Chessica Nation at Chessica.Nation2@ky.gov.

FAILURE TO RENEW

If you fail to renew by midnight, Eastern Time, October 31, or you fail to submit all requirements for renewal, you will be required to reinstate your license. Before a license will be reinstated, KBN must receive:

- A reinstatement application and fee
- Kentucky criminal history report (in all surnames you have ever used) from the Administrative Office of the Courts
- Federal background report from the FBI obtained via fingerprinting
- Continuing Competency requirements

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY NURSES

KRS 36.450 and KRS 12.355 require KBN, upon request of an active duty military licensee and with the appropriate military documentation, to renew the license without the required renewal fee and continuing competency requirement.

The waiving of the renewal fee and continuing competency requirement does not restrict the license in any way. It is still considered full licensure.

Active duty military includes those nurses who are based state-side or deployed overseas. Not included in these groups are individuals working for the Federal government, such as civilian VA nurses, public health nurses employed by the federal government, or National Guard nurses who are not on full, active duty.

KBN must receive one of the following before the license of active duty military nurses will be renewed:

- PCS Orders
- AF Form 899
- Mobilization Orders

You must complete the online renewal application in addition to providing copies of one of the above documents. Copies of the above may be faxed to 502-429-3336 or emailed to Ruby.King@ky.gov.

If you are a military nurse and are stationed state-side, you must renew your license during the renewal period and provide the documentation listed above. If you fail to provide the documentation and/or fail to submit the renewal application prior to October 31, you will have to meet all the requirements for reinstatement of a license(s). If you are a military nurse and will be deployed overseas during the renewal period, you have two options:

- Submit a copy to KBN of the official overseas deployment orders showing a return date. Your license will be renewed to reflect an expiration date through the renewal period that corresponds with your deployment orders. You are not required to submit a fee, and you are exempt from meeting the continuing competency requirement.
- Do nothing until you are reassigned to the USA. You will have 90 days after your return to request the renewal of your license. You must submit a copy of the orders you receive for your reassignment to the United States. You will not be required to pay the renewal fee, and you will be exempt from meeting the continuing competency requirement.

INVALIDATING AN APRN LICENSE

If KBN records reflect that an APRN’s national certification has expired and the APRN fails to provide evidence of current certification/recertification, KBN will invalidate the APRN license. When the license is invalidated, the APRN may not practice in the advanced
practice role. This does not affect the RN license, nor is it considered disciplinary action. An APRN whose license is invalidated for failure to provide evidence of current certification may reinstate the APRN license by meeting all of the requirements for reinstatement.

**NATIONAL CERTIFICATION IN DUAL POPULATION FOCI**

KBN is now able to record the national certification information for those APRNs holding certification in two population foci. To practice in either or both areas, the national certification of each must be current. If the certification of both foci expires, the APRN license will be invalidated and the APRN must reinstate one or both foci. If the national certification of one population focus expires, the APRN may only practice in the focus area of the unexpired certification.

**PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

KY Law requires all APRNs holding a current CAPA-CS agreement to submit a copy of any and all DEA licenses held. If an APRN is prescribing controlled substances, the APRN must have a Notification of a CAPA-CS on file with KBN, a KY DEA Registration, and register for a master KASPER account.

To determine if KBN has a copy of the Notification of a CAPA-CS or DEA Registration on file, you may go to the KBN web site online validation and validate your license. If the Notification of a CAPA-CS has been received at KBN, the validation will note, “CAPA-CS on file.” If this message does not appear and you have a current CAPA-CS agreement, you must provide a copy of the Notification of a CAPA-CS form to KBN. If the DEA registration has been received at KBN, the validation will note, “DEA registration on file.” A CAPA-CS may be rescinded by either the APRN or the physician. When a CAPA-CS is rescinded, KBN must be notified, using the “CAPA-CS Rescission” form located on the KBN web site.

For more information on the CAPA-CS requirements, go to http://kbn.ky.gov/apply/pages/APRN/aprn.aspx

Renewal of an APRN registration, requires that 1.5 hours of the 5 hours of required pharmacology contact hours must be in pain management, addiction disorders or use of KASPER.

**ATTESTATION OF KBN DOCUMENTS**

Attestation statements appear at the end of all KBN applications for licensure and other KBN forms. The attestation statement is an affirmation that the information provided is truthful and accurate. Be sure to read the attestation carefully. The individual whose name is on the application or form is accountable for all information the document contains and for understanding the additional information contained within the attestation statement itself. Accountability extends not only for the purpose for filing the form, but may also be compared to information provided on other forms filed with KBN. Allowing another party to complete and submit a KBN form does not relieve the nurse or applicant of the accountability for incorrect or inadequate information provided and may be the basis for disciplinary action for falsification of a Board of Nursing form. Each individual nurse or applicant should complete all forms and applications submitted to KBN himself/herself.

**CURRENT ADDRESS**

Kentucky Nursing Laws require nurses to notify the Board of a change of address within thirty days of the change. Address changes made from the KBN web site update the Board’s database in real time. A change of address may also be mailed to the Board office. An address change form is located on the KBN web site.
Q: What are the dates of the CE earning period for renewal of my nursing license?
A: Nurses are required to earn 14 contact hours or the equivalent within the annual earning period of November 1st through October 31st. You may wish to view the CE brochure available on the CE/Competency page of the KBN website (www.kbn.ky.gov) for additional information regarding the different ways to demonstrate continuing competency.

Q: I am an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) in Kentucky. Are there any specific CE requirements for my APRN renewal?
A: APRNs are required to earn five contact hours of approved CE in pharmacology each licensure period. The licensure earning period is November 1st through October 31st. In 2008, the regulation was amended to reflect that pharmacology CE contact hours can be earned from any provider that is recognized by your APRN accrediting body. It is the responsibility of the individual APRN to contact the certifying body for a complete and up-to-date list of recognized providers for their organization.

APRNs with a CAPA-CS are required to earn 1.5 approved CE contact hours on the use of KASPER, pain management or addiction disorders. These hours may count as part of the required five pharmacology contact hours.

Q: Are SANE-credentialed nurses required to earn specific CE contact hours in addition to the required 14 contact hours for RN renewal?
A: SANE-credentialed nurses are required to earn five contact hours of approved sexual assault CE (forensic medicine or domestic violence CE will meet this requirement). These hours count as part of the required 14 contact hours for RN renewal.

Q: If I am no longer employed as a nurse and do not plan to work as a nurse, but want to renew my nursing license do I need to complete nursing CE?
A: Yes. If you plan to renew your nursing license you must complete the required 14 contact hours of continuing education on or before October 31st. Completion of CE is required each earning period in order to renew your nursing license; it has nothing to do with the status of your employment.

Q: I am a relatively new graduate. I am required to renew my nursing license for the first time by October 31st, 2017. Since this is my first renewal am I exempt from earning CE hours for this renewal?
A: No. You are not exempt from earning CE hours for your first-time renewal. All nurses required to renew their license must also complete 14 approved CE contact hours or the equivalent within the earning period of Nov. 1st, 2016 through Oct. 31st, 2017. There is no exemption for first-time renewal.

Q: What will happen if I am audited, and I do not have the required contact hours?
A: You will be asked to earn the required hours and submit copies of the CE certificates to KBN along with a letter of explanation as to why these hours were earned late. Once this documentation is received and accepted by KBN, you will be allowed to enter into a Consent Decree with KBN and pay the required fine. If you do not earn the contact hours and/or pay the fine, your records and audit response will be forwarded to the Investigation Branch for initiation of disciplinary action.

Q: I understand Kentucky nurses are required to complete a CE course in Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma. Please give me information about this requirement.
A: All nurses licensed as of July 15, 2010 must earn 1.5 CE contact hours in Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma (Shaken Baby Syndrome). Nurses must complete this earning within 3 years of their initial licensure date in the state of Kentucky. This one-time only requirement is included as part of the nursing curriculum for nurses graduating from a Kentucky Program of Nursing as of December 2011.

Q: I understand there have been some changes in the HIV/AIDS CE requirements. How many HIV/AIDS contact hours must I earn, and what is the earning period?
A: Effective June 24, 2015, earning contact hours in HIV/AIDS content is no longer required.

Q: I understand that I can use my national nursing certification for the required 14 contact hours of CE. Is this correct?
A: If you have a national nursing certification or recertification related to your practice role that is in effect the whole earning period or earned initially this period, it will count for the required 14 contact hours for Kentucky licensure. NOTE: In addition to the national nursing certification, APRNs are required to earn five approved contact hours in pharmacology each earning period. APRNs with a CAPA-CS are required to earn 1.5 approved CE contact hours on the use of KASPER, pain management, or addiction disorders. These hours may count as part of the required pharmacology hours.

Q: Is it true that I can use an employment evaluation for part of my CE contact hours?
A: Yes. A satisfactory employment evaluation for part of the required CE credit hours may be documented in the permanent record to meet the CE requirement as long as the record contains evidence that the content of the evaluation is equivalent to the required CE content. This type of documentation is only accepted if the evaluation is completed by a nurse and involves educational content relevant to patient care. The nurse must maintain a dated record of the evaluation, including the name of the employer, the date of the evaluation, and a description of the components of the evaluation. This documentation must be submitted to the CE program coordinator for approval.

Q: What will happen if my CE documentation is audited and I do not have the equivalent within the earning period or earned late? If not approved, I will be asked to submit a letter of explanation as to why these hours were earned late. Once this documentation is approved, accepted by KBN, you will be allowed to enter into a Consent Decree with KBN and pay the required fine. If you do not earn the contact hours and/or pay the fine, your records and audit response will be forwarded to the Investigation Branch for initiation of disciplinary action.

Q: What is the earning period for renewal of my nursing license?
A: All nurses licensed as of July 15, 2010 must earn 1.5 CE contact hours in KASPER, pain management or addiction disorders each licensure period. These hours count as part of the required five contact hours on the use of KASPER, pain management or addiction disorders. These hours may count as part of the required CE contact hours or the equivalent within the earning period or earned late. Once this documentation is received and accepted by KBN, you will be allowed to enter into a Consent Decree with KBN and pay the required fine. If you do not earn the contact hours and/or pay the fine, your records and audit response will be forwarded to the Investigation Branch for initiation of disciplinary action.
evaluation for your position as a nurse, that covers at least six months of the earning period, can be used for seven contact hours towards your CE requirement. In order to meet the required 14 contact hours needed for renewal, you must also earn the other seven contact hours. Other acceptable ways to earn your CE contact hours can be found online (www. kbn.ky.gov/ce) under “Licensure Renewal Requirements.”

Q: Do college courses count as CE hours?
A: Academic courses in nursing and health care, or social or physical sciences beyond the prelicensure curriculum of your license will count toward your CE requirement. One semester credit hour equals 15 contact hours. One quarter credit hour equals 12 contact hours. You must achieve a grade of “C” or better, or a ‘pass’ on a pass-fail grading system. These courses count as CE for the earning period in which the course was completed.

Q: Can a nurse substitute CME credits for nursing contact hours?
A: CME credits do not automatically transfer to contact hours. If you wish to earn contact hours for a course that awarded CME credit, you will need to go to the KBN CE Web page (www.kbn.ky.gov/ce/) under “CE Forms and Publications,” and submit an “Individual Request for Review of CE Activities.” APRNs are allowed to use CME credits for pharmacology continuing education if the provider offering the course is recognized by their national certifying organization.

Q: I am required to take a class in CPR where I work. Will this CPR class count toward my CE requirement?
A: No. CPR and BLS classes, as well as in-service education and nurse aide training, do not count as CE hours.

Q: Will ACLS and PALS courses count toward my CE requirement?
A: If an approved provider offers the ACLS or PALS courses, the contact hours earned will be accepted by KBN. See the list of national nursing organizations recognized by KBN for continuing education offerings on the KBN website (www. kbn.ky.gov/ce).

Q: Where can I find a list of approved CE providers?
A: You can print a copy of the KBN approved provider list from the KBN website (www.kbn.ky.gov) under “CE Forms and Publications.” In addition, a list of National Nursing Organizations recognized by KBN for continuing education is also provided on the KBN website. If a provider approved by one of these organizations offers a course you wish to take, that course will be accepted by KBN for the same number of contact hours.

Q: I was selected for the CE audit last year. I have friends that have been in nursing for many years but have never been selected. Why did I receive an audit letter and they did not?
A: Nurses receiving CE audit letters are chosen by random selection. The number of years one has been in nursing has nothing to do with the selection process.

Q: My friend refers to the continuing education hours she earns as CEUs. I notice that you refer to them as contact hours. What is the difference between a CEU and a contact hour?
A: Contact hours refer to the stated amount of time an individual was present during a course. One contact hour is equal to 50 minutes of clock time. Continuing Education Unit (CEU) is the term used as the unit of measurement by colleges and universities to designate 10 contact hours. The terms contact hour and CEU cannot be used interchangeably. Kentucky and most nursing continuing education providers require offerings to be determined in contact hours.

Q: I have attended a CE course that is not offered by an approved CE provider. How can I get credit for these hours?
A: You may wish to submit an “Individual Request for Review of CE Activities,” (www.kbn.ky.gov/ce/) under “CE Forms and Publications,” to KBN requesting contact hours for this course. There is a non-refundable charge of $10 for the review. Once submitted, your application will be reviewed and, if approved, the appropriate number of contact hours will be awarded. Applications for review of CE Activities must be submitted no later than November 30th of the licensure year.

Q: Are CE hours earned on the internet acceptable for licensure in Kentucky? If so, how many of the required 14 hours can be earned on the internet?
A: Internet CE courses are acceptable if offered by an approved CE provider. All 14 contact hours or any combination of the contact hours may be from internet providers.

Q: I have earned more CE contact hours this earning period than I need. Can these contact hours be used for my next renewal?
A: No. CE contact hours cannot be carried over to the next earning period. All 14 contact hours must be earned within the specified earning period (November 1st - October 31st).

Q: Does KBN have a record of the CE hours I have earned?
A: No. KBN does not keep track of each nurse’s CE contact hours. Nurses must retain records of their CE/competency for at least five years following a licensure period. It is the responsibility of the CE provider to see that the nurse receives a certificate of completion, but the provider does not send a copy of the certificate of completion to the KBN. You are not required to submit CE certificates to KBN unless requested to do so.
### DISCIPLINARY Actions

Since the publication of the Summer edition of the KBN Connection, the Board has taken the following actions related to disciplinary matters as authorized by the Kentucky Nursing Laws. A report that contains a more extensive list of disciplinary actions is available on the KBN website (https://kbn.ky.gov/investdiscp/Pages/disciplinary.aspx). If you need additional information, contact KBN’s Consumer Protection Branch at 502-429-3300.

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- APRN Applications: 502-429-3329
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