



COMMISSIONER
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To: Nursing Facilities
Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Home and Community Support Services Agencies (HCSSA)
Hospice Providers
Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Providers
Consolidated Waiver Program (CWP) Providers

Subject: Information Letter #07-82 Suspension of Verification of Nurse Licensure with the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) of Nurses signing the Client Assessment, Review and Evaluation (CARE) Form 3652-A

Please note effective September 1, 2007 the *Texas Board of Nurse Examiners* (BNE) is now the ***Texas Board of Nursing*** (BON).

This letter is a follow-up to Information Letter 07-68, Implementation of Verification of Nurse Licensure with the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) of Nurses signing the Client Assessment, Review and Evaluation (CARE) Form 3652-A effective the August 12, 2007. The letter may be referenced at: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/communications/2007/letters/IL2007-68.pdf>

Two issues, which do not affect every provider, arose during the implementation of the nurse licensure verification edit. The issues include:

- (1) nurses licensed through a "Compact Nurse Licensure" participating state are not listed on the file received by TMHP from the BON to verify licensure status; and
- (2) the edit recognized only a registered nurse (RN) as a Director of Nurses for nursing facilities (NFs).

DADS has suspended the edit through TMHP for the verification of nurse license number until further notice.

Providers that had a CARE Form 3652-A denied during the edit period (August 12 - September 7) must re-submit the form to TMHP for processing.

TMHP will continue to verify and deny any CARE Form 3652-A if a nurse's name is invalid or inactive on the HHSC TILE Training file received from Texas State University. If an entity loses all nurses that have been certified, the entity may apply in writing for a temporary TILE training waiver from Texas State University. Fax a request for this waiver to 512-245-7543.

- If you have any questions about a nurse's license, you can visit the web site for the BON at: <http://www.bne.state.tx.us>
- If you have questions about the Nurse Licensure Compact, you can visit the web site for the BON at: <http://www.bne.state.tx.us/nursinglaw/npa2.html#4-001> Nurse Licensure Compact - Texas Occupations Code (NPA)

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact Tommy Ford with DADS Provider Services, Institutional Services at tommy.ford@dads.state.tx.us or at (512) 438-3543.

Sincerely,

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