9. Identification of the means by which the advanced practice nurse and collaborating physician can be in direct communication, as well as a description of arrangements which will assure that the collaborating physician or peer coverage is accessible and available;

10. Procedures for the use of medications in emergency situations; and

11. Identification of reference materials containing practice guidelines or accepted standards of practice.

(d) Failure to establish and implement joint protocols consistent with the standards set forth in this section and any violation of the joint protocol by an advanced practice nurse or physician may be deemed professional misconduct or other grounds for disciplinary sanction within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 45:1–21 by his or her respective licensing board.

New Rule, R.2000 d.274, effective July 3, 2000 (operative September 1, 2000). See: 31 N.J.R. 1459(a), 32 N.J.R. 2448(a).

13:37–6.4 Identification tags

(a) Each licensee or certificate holder shall wear an identification tag when engaging in the practice for which the individual is licensed or certified. The identification tag shall be clearly visible at all times, and such tag shall bear the first name or initial, the full surname and the term reflecting the individual's level of licensure or certification, for example, Registered Nurse or R.N. The letters on the tag shall be of equal size in type, not smaller than one-quarter inch. The size of the identification tag shall be equal to or greater than that of any other identification worn by the licensee or certificate holder.

(b) Where a general hospital requires a facility staff member who is a licensee or a certificate holder to wear an identifying badge pursuant to P.L. 1997, c.76 (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-12.8a), that staff member need only wear only one identification badge, as long as the badge meets requirements of both P.L. 1997, c.76 (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-12.8a) and (a) above.

(c) In order to protect his or her personal safety or to prevent the substantial invasion of his or her privacy, or to prevent the identification tag from causing physical harm to the patient, a licensee or certificate holder may request an exemption from the requirements of (a) above. Such requests for an exemption shall be made by the licensee or certificate holder in writing to the Board and shall set forth the reasons why wearing the tag would endanger the licensee's or the certificate holder's personal safety, substantially

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invade the licensee's or the certificate holder's privacy or physically harm a patient.

(d) The exemption set forth in (c) above shall not apply to those facility staff members in a general hospital, where such general hospital requires a facility staff member to wear an identifying badge pursuant to P.L. 1997, c.76 (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-12.8a).

New Rule, R.1999 d.406, effective December 6, 1999. See: 31 N.J.R. 1895(a), 31 N.J.R. 4074(a).

SUBCHAPTER 7. CERTIFICATION OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS/CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS

Subchapter Historical Note

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2374(a).

13:37–7.1 Application for certification

(a) Any nurse who wishes to practice as a nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist, or present, call or represent himself or herself as a nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist must be certified by the Board.

(b) Each applicant for certification shall submit the following materials to the Board:

1. Proof of a current New Jersey registered professional nurse license in good standing;

2. A completed application form and the application fee set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:37–5.8(c)1. The application form solicits information including: general biographical, educational and experiential data;

3. Proof that the applicant has successfully completed the educational requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:37–7.2 or, where applicable, N.J.A.C. 13:37–7.4. The applicant shall obtain verification of successful completion from the school(s) where the applicant completed the educational requirements; and

4. Proof that the applicant has successfully completed the examination requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:37–7.3 or, where applicable, the certification requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:37–7.4.

Amended by R.1999 d.49, effective February 1, 1999. See: 30 N.J.R. 3602(a), 31 N.J.R. 443(a). In (b)2, changed N.J.A.C. reference.