

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING HOME
ADMINISTRATORS RULES: CHAPTER 393-13 CONTINUING EDUCATION;
SUBCHAPTER .01 REQUIREMENTS, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Nursing Home Administrators (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment of the Georgia Board of Nursing Home Administrators, Chapter 393-13 Continuing Education; Subchapter .01 Requirements (herein after "proposed rule amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

A public hearing will be held by conference call at 10:00 a.m. on August 6, 2009 at the Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 P.M.) on July 30, 2009. Written comments should be addressed to Randall D. Vaughn, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Nursing Home Administrators, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Telephone (478) 207-2440 or fax (866) 888-7127.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at a conference call meeting scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m. on August 6, 2009 at the Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Nursing Home Administrators has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendment pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. 43-27-5.

At its meeting on June 25, 2009 the Georgia Board of Nursing Home Administrators voted that the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the

proposed chapter cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-27-5.

Additionally, at the meeting, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-27-5 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this chapter will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of nursing home administration. For further information, contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 6th day of July, 2009.

Randall D. Vaughn
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Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: July 6, 2009

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
THE GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS
RULES: CHAPTER 393-13 CONTINUING EDUCATION; SUBCHAPTER .01
REQUIREMENTS. AMENDED**

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed chapter amendment is to clarify the requirements for continuing education obtained online.

Main Feature: The main feature of the proposed chapter amendment is to update the number of online course work acceptable toward the required 40 CE Hours for renewal of a license.

**THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
THE GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS
RULES: CHAPTER 393-13 CONTINUING EDUCATION; SUBCHAPTER .01
REQUIREMENTS. AMENDED**

Note: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.

393-13-.01 Requirements. Amended.

- (1) Forty clock hours of continuing education are required biennially to renew a license.
- (2) A minimum of six of the 40 hours shall be on residents' rights and/or in health care professional ethics. These hours may not be earned through independent study. The main focus must be on standards of professional conduct, professional responsibility, malpractice and recognition of ethical dilemmas. Hours concerned exclusively with legislative issues will not be acceptable. If a licensee acquires more than six hours in residents' rights and/or ethics, the excess hours may be used toward the 34-hour requirement listed below.
- (3) The remaining 34 clock hours shall be in any or all of the following health care subject areas, descriptions of which will be provided by the Board upon request:
 - (a) Resident;
 - (b) Gerontology and Special Populations (See definitions in 393-4-.01(14));
 - (c) Personnel Management;
 - (d) Financial Management;
 - (e) Marketing and Public Relations;
 - (f) Environmental Management;
 - (g) Regulatory Management;
 - (h) Organizational Management.
- (4) ~~No more than 10 hours shall be e~~Online study from a NAB Board approved course provider is allowed.
- (5) No more than 20 clock hours may be from any online provider, one course, workshop or presentation. However, this limit does not apply to professional conferences which offer multiple presentations.

(6) The continuing education requirement for the first renewal of a license which was issued in even numbered years, shall be 20 hours in any combination of the categories set out above. Licensees obtaining licensure in odd numbered years shall not be required to obtain any continuing education hours prior to the first renewal cycle. The passing of the national examination at any time during the biennium shall be equal to 20 hours of continuing education.

(7) Providers who measure continuing education activities in "Continuing Education Units" (CEUs) shall define one CEU as 10 clock hours of continuing education.

(8) Independent Study. A maximum of five continuing education hours may be obtained by engaging in any of the following independent study activities as long as they are in the content areas set out in Rule 393-13-.01(3) above: teaching a course, presenting a lecture, or conducting a workshop for the first time; listening to audio tapes; viewing video tapes; reading, editing or writing professional books or articles; and conducting professional research. The licensee shall attest to the number of clock hours completed, the type of activity, the subject material covered, and the dates involved.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 43-27-5



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