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KSBN Provides Update on Licensing Operations During Upcoming Board Transition

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The Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) is preparing for an upcoming transition in Board membership as the current interim Board concludes its service on January 11, 2027. A new Board is expected to be appointed by the incoming Governor; however, the timing of those appointments has not yet been determined. KSBN will continue to monitor the transition process and provide updates as additional information becomes available.

KSBN recognizes that this transition may raise questions among nursing professionals, recent graduates, nursing education programs, and healthcare employers regarding the timely processing of licensure applications.

KSBN wants to reassure applicants and employers that the vast majority of routine licensing applications are expected to continue being processed without significant delays.

Routine Licensing Operations Expected to Continue

KSBN processes thousands of licensing applications and renewals each year, with most completed through established administrative procedures.

Applications that are complete, meet all statutory and regulatory requirements, and do not involve legal, disciplinary, or background concerns requiring additional review are expected to continue being processed within normal timeframes.

This includes routine applications for initial licensure, endorsement, renewal, reinstatement, multi-state conversions and other licensing services.

Applications Requiring Additional Review

Some applications require additional consideration by KSBN investigative staff, disciplinary counsel, or the Board before a licensing determination can be made.

Depending on the circumstances and the timing of the Board transition, these applications could experience additional processing time.

KSBN is actively evaluating options to maintain continuity of these functions and minimize potential disruptions.

At this time, no final determination has been made that licensing operations will be interrupted or that applicants will experience widespread delays.

Recommendations for Applicants and Employers

To help ensure timely processing, KSBN encourages applicants and healthcare employers to:

- Submit complete applications and all required documentation as early as permitted.
- Renew licenses promptly once eligible, rather than waiting until the renewal deadline.
- Respond promptly to requests for additional information or documentation.
- Monitor license status and notifications through Nursys e-Notify.

Nurses eligible to renew licenses expiring in January, February or March 2027 are encouraged to consider completing their renewals one month early, when possible.

New nursing graduates who meet all licensing requirements and do not require additional review are likewise expected to proceed through the normal licensing process.

Proactive Planning and Coordination

KSBN leadership has been working with the Governor's Office, legal counsel, legislative representatives, and other state officials to evaluate potential transition scenarios in an effort to ensure continuity of essential regulatory operations and minimize potential disruptions to licensing and other critical agency services during the Board transition. These discussions are ongoing, and additional options remain under consideration.

KSBN remains committed to its mission of protecting and promoting the welfare of the people of Kansas while supporting timely, efficient, and consistent licensing services.

The agency will provide additional updates as necessary should circumstances change or new information become available.

For licensing information and updates, visit the Kansas State Board of Nursing website: https://ksbn.kansas.gov/.

The Kansas State Board of Nursing is committed to protecting the public through effective nursing regulation and ensuring the continued delivery of essential licensing services throughout the upcoming Board transition.