

**Consideration of Change of Approval Status from Full to Full with Warning  
American Medical Institute in Houston, Texas  
Vocational Nursing Education Program**

**Summary of Request:**

Consider a proposed change in the program approval status of American Medical Institute Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Houston, Texas, based upon the review of the 2011 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, the 2010 Nursing Educational Program Information Survey (NEPIS), and Texas Board of Nursing (Board or BON) Rule 214.

**Historical Perspective:**

- The American Medical Institute VN Program has been in operation since 2007.
- In 2011, the program was directed to complete a self-study report due to the 79.41% pass rate on the 2010 NCLEX-PN® licensure examination. The report was received in the Board office on July 27, 2011.
- The self-study report identified factors which contributed to the low pass rate, and included a description of corrective measures to be implemented.
- The majority of factors identified centered around the following student issues:
  - family problems;
  - excessive outside employment and work demands;
  - poor study habits; and
  - delays in taking the licensure examination.
- Subsequent to conducting the self-study, the program implemented a number of corrective measures aimed at increasing graduates' success in passing the NCLEX-PN® examination, including the following:
  - mandatory pre-nursing orientation sessions and study skills classes;
  - pre-nursing introductory courses for medical terminology and anatomy and physiology;
  - mandatory remediation and tutoring; and
  - the addition of a live NCLEX-PN® Review Course.
- Even though the program has implemented corrective measures, the 2011 NCLEX-PN® pass rate is 50%.
- The NCLEX-PN® examination pass rates for the past three years are presented in the following table:

<b>Year</b>	<b>BON Approval Status</b>	<b>NCLEX-PN® Pass Rate</b>	<b>Number of First Time Candidates (Passed/Total)</b>
2011	Full	50%	(21/42)
2010	Full	79.41%	(27/34)
2009	Initial	88.89%	(8/9)

**PROS AND CONS:**

Pros:

- The program conducted a self-study in 2011 identifying factors which may have contributed to the low pass rate.
- Corrective measures were timely instituted and evaluated.

Cons:

- Despite corrective actions taken by the program, the 2011 NCLEX-PN® pass rate is 50%

**Staff Recommendation:**

Move to change the approval status of American Medical Institute in Houston, Texas Vocational Nursing Education Program from Full to Full with Warning and authorize Board staff to conduct a survey visit as indicated in the attached letter (Attachment #1).

**DRAFT LETTER:**

April 23, 2012

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Dear Dr. Emenaha:

At the April 19-20, 2012 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the American Medical Institute Vocational Nursing Education Program based on Board staff's report regarding review of the 2011 NCLEX-PN® examination pass rate, the 2010 NEPIS, and compliance with Board Rule 214. Members of the Board wish to thank you for being present at the meeting to answer questions.

Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to change the approval status of the American Medical Institute Vocational Nursing Education Program from Full to Full with Warning and authorize a survey visit in 2012. Board staff will contact you to schedule the survey visit.

If you have any questions or if we may be of assistance, please contact Board staff at (512) 463-4631.

Sincerely,

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