

Request for Charge to APNAC to Review Rules 221 and 222

Summary of Request: Consider a request to charge the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC) with examination of and recommendations for changes to *22 Tex. Admin. Code*, §§ 221 and 222.

Historical Perspective: It has been several years since the Board reviewed and revised Rules 221 and 222 in their entirety. Although amendments have been made to specific sections of each rule over the years, staff has noted that future changes will potentially affect multiple sections of the rule. Additionally, the rules have not been fully reviewed to ensure that the requirements in board rule are consistent with the foundational requirements for licensure specified in the *Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification and Education*. Although there are some aspects of the *Consensus Model* that are not within the Board's authority to implement, implementation of aspects of the *Model* that are permitted under current statute would allow Texas licensure requirements to be aligned with other states to the greatest extent possible. This would assist in a smoother licensure transition process for APRNs who are new to Texas and intend to practice in the state.

A review of Rules 221 and 222 will also provide the opportunity to draw ideas from and, where appropriate, align these rules with the Model Nursing Administrative Rules from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) to the extent permissible under current statute. The Model Rules have been amended several times since the last review of Rules 221 and 222. The ideas and approaches to the rules that are included in the model document may be used to enhance and improve Rules 221 and 222.

Pros: The APNAC's review of Rules 221 and 222 will provide the Board with an opportunity to gain input from APRN educators as well as APRNs in practice. The committee's recommendation can help to assure the Board that the rules continue to include the necessary content to ensure that APRNs licensed in Texas are safe, competent practitioners.

Cons: None noted.

Staff Recommendation: Move to charge the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee with reviewing *22 Tex. Admin. Code*, §§ 221 and 222. The committee's recommendations shall be presented for the Board's consideration at a future Board meeting.