

Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.34, Relating to  
Deferred Discipline

Proposed amendments to §213.34 were approved by the Board at its April 2017 meeting for submission to the *Texas Register* for public comment. The proposed amendments were published in the *Texas Register* on May 19, 2017, and the comment period ended on June 18, 2017. One positive comment was received from the Coalition for Nurses in Advanced Practice supporting the rule change. No other comments were received on the proposal. The adopted amendments will be published in the *Texas Register* on July 7, 2017, and will become effective on July 12, 2017.



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Re: Comments supporting Rule 213.34 amendment proposed May 19, 2017

Dear Dusty:

The Coalition for Nurses in Advanced Practice (CNAP) supports the BON's proposed amendment to the deferred discipline rule. CNAP agrees the Board should have the option of removing deferred disciplinary orders from public view after three years, and that this is in the best interest of the public and nurses who commit relatively minor infractions. We appreciate that Board staff are continually re-evaluating its disciplinary procedures to promote public protection, fairness to nurses, and the greatest possible access to safe nursing care.

Sincerely,

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