

**Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §222.3,
Pertaining to *Renewal of Prescriptive Authority***

Background: The proposed amendments, attached as Attachment “A”, are necessary for consistency with adopted changes to §216.3, pertaining to *Continuing Competency*. Board Rule 216.3 was amended in order to implement the requirements of House Bills (HB) 2454, 2059, 3285, and 2174, enacted by the 86th Texas Legislature. Those changes became effective on November 19, 2019.

In particular, §216.3 was amended to eliminate the prior existing requirement that an APRN holding prescriptive authority must complete at least three contact hours of continuing education related to prescribing controlled substances each biennium. This was in addition to at least five contact hours of continuing education in pharmacotherapeutics within the same licensing period.

The proposed amendments make conforming changes to §222.3 for consistency with newly adopted §216.3.

Board Action: Move to approve the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §222.3, pertaining to *Renewal of Prescriptive Authority*, as set out in Attachment “A”, with authority for the General Counsel to make editorial changes as necessary to clarify rule and Board intent and to comply with the formatting requirements of the *Texas Register*. If no negative comments and no request for a public hearing are received, move to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §222.3, pertaining to *Renewal of Prescriptive Authority*, as proposed.

Attachment "A"

§222.3. *Renewal of Prescriptive Authority.*

(a) (No change.)

(b) The APRN seeking to maintain prescriptive authority shall attest, on forms provided by the Board, to completing at least five contact hours of continuing education in pharmacotherapeutics within the preceding biennium. ~~[In every licensure cycle after January 1, 2015, those APRNs seeking to maintain prescriptive authority who order or prescribe controlled substances shall attest, on forms provided by the Board, to completing at least three additional contact hours of continuing education related to prescribing controlled substances within the preceding biennium.]~~

(c) (No change.)