

**Consideration of Proposed Amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code
§213.10, relating to Notice and Service**

Background: The new Texas Nurse Portal, which was launched by the Board on June 15, 2020, is a paperless, confidential, and secure system that allows individuals to apply for nurse licensure by examination and endorsement and renew their licenses. The use of the Portal has moved Staff toward a paperless work flow in the Board's offices and allows Staff to communicate with applicants and licensees directly through the Portal. This online communication is often more efficient and reliable than more traditional methods, such as certified, registered, or first class mail. The proposed amendments add the Portal as an appropriate avenue to provide notice to applicants and licensees in circumstances where state law does not specifically require notice to be sent via first class, registered, or certified mail. In those cases, notice will continue to be given as specified in existing subsections (a) – (e) of the rule.

Board Action: Move to approve the proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code §213.10, relating to *Notice and Service*, 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 §213.10, relating to *Notice and Service*, as proposed.

Attachment “A”

§213.10. Notice and Service.

(a) – (e) (No change).

(f) Notwithstanding (a) – (e) of this section, notice required by a rule adopted by the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators is effective and service is complete when made electronically through the Texas Nurse Portal accessible through the Board’s website.

(g) Notwithstanding (a) – (e) of this section, notice not specifically required by state law to be provided through first class, certified, or registered mail, return receipt requested, may be made electronically through the Texas Nurse Portal accessible through the Board’s website. Notice is effective and service is complete when made through this method.