

IMPORTANT PROVISIONS OF THE CRNP REGULATIONS

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CRNPs who were certified by the Board after February 7, 2005, will be required to **maintain current National certification in order to renew** their CRNP certification biennially.

In order to renew CRNP certification, CRNPs must complete at least 30 hours of Board-approved continuing education that **addresses the CRNP's specialty**. For CRNPs with prescriptive authority, 16 of the 30 hours must still be related to pharmacology.

CRNPs who hold prescriptive authority approval from the Board are currently limited to prescribing Schedule II controlled substances for up to a 72-hour dose and Schedule III and IV controlled substances for up to 30-days. Under the new regulations, there are new time limits. A CRNP with prescriptive authority approval who wishes to prescribe under the new time limits **must file a Prescriptive Authority Change Form** with the Board. **CRNPs may not use the new time limits until the change form has been submitted and the CRNP has received a letter back from the Board.**

The Prescriptive Authority Change Form is available on the Board's website under "Applications."

The revised regulations may be viewed online at www.pabulletin.com in Volume 39, Number 50 of December 12, 2009.

See "Frequently Asked Questions on CRNP Prescriptive Authority" on the Board's website under "Special Notices."