

MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 25, 2022
TO	Loretta Melby, Executive Officer California Board of Registered Nursing
FROM	<i>Tracy Montez</i> Tracy Montez, Ph.D., Chief Division of Programs and Policy Review
SUBJECT	Status of the Office of Professional Examination Services AB 890 Nurse Practitioners Project

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update of the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) AB 890 Nurse Practitioners Project.

As mandated by AB 890 (Wood, Chapter 265, Statutes of 2020), the California Board of Registered Nursing (Board) has contracted with OPES to conduct an occupational analysis of the Nurse Practitioner profession in California. In addition, the Board has contracted with OPES to perform a psychometric review of the following nurse practitioner certification examinations:

- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB)
 - Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
 - Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (A-GNP)
- American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN)
 - Acute Care Nurse Practitioner - Adult Gerontology (ACNPC-AG®)
- American Nurses Credentialing Center (ACNP)
 - Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP-BC™)
 - Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP-BC®)
 - Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP-BC®)
 - Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (Across the Lifespan) (PMHNP-BC™)
- National Certification Corporation (NCC)
 - Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (WHNP-BC®)
 - Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP-BC®)
- Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB)
 - Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Acute Care (CPNP-AC)
 - Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care (CPNP-PC)

Release of Summary Memo and Recommendations

- OPES' summary memo was released on September 6, 2022 and is provided in the October 26, 2022 Nursing Practice Committee meeting materials.
- OPES will give a presentation summarizing the project results and recommendations at the November 1, 2022 Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee Meeting.
- OPES will provide the November 1, 2022 presentation at the BRN November 14-15 board meeting.

Release of Occupational Analysis (OA) Report

- The OA report will be provided to the BRN on October 26, 2022.
- The report is not confidential and can be posted on the BRN website.

Release of National Review Reports

- Examination providers have until October 25, 2022 to approve reports for release to the NPAC and BRN board members.
- OPES will provide the reports (either confidential or not confidential) to the BRN on October 26, 2022.
- Reports not marked confidential can be made available to NPAC and BRN board members and posted on the Board's website.

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