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To: Board-approved Nursing Education Programs
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From: Rula Harb, MS, RN
Executive Director

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Date: September 26, 2011

Re: Important Nurse Licensure Renewal Information

I am writing with some very exciting news about our ongoing effort to go green! Effective October 1, 2011, the Massachusetts Board of Registration will mail one-page "renewal reminders" to nurses instead of the current three-page license renewal form. The renewal reminder will direct nurses to the Division of Health Professions Licensure website at www.mass.gov/dph/boards to renew their license online.

Online license renewal is the fastest and most convenient way to renew. Nurses can quickly and easily renew their nursing license 24/7 through a secure internet connection using VISA or MasterCard, or an electronic check. Once the online renewal process is complete, the nurse's renewed license status will immediately appear on the Board's license verification site.

The Board will no longer automatically mail out the paper renewal application. However, the renewal reminder, which will be mailed to the nurse's last known address of record approximately 90 days before the license expiration date, will include information on how to request a paper renewal form.

Nurses will also complete the biennial Nursing Workforce Survey with their on-line renewal process. A collaborative effort of the nursing community, the survey is designed to create an accurate picture of the Commonwealth's nursing workforce which is vital to the implementation of relevant, evidence-based health care policy.

Thank you for supporting our "paperless government" goal and helping to reduce paper, save energy and improve efficiency.