

NOTICES OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS

The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)). Substantive policy statements are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice. Substantive policy statements are advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that a substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under A.R.S. § 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

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BOARD OF NURSING

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1. Title of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the substantive policy statement is referenced:

Alcohol and/or Drugs Investigative and Disciplinary Guidelines

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date:

June 17, 2010

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement:

These investigative guidelines related to alcohol and/or drug misuse and abuse are intended to protect the public and provide for consistency in the investigation of similar allegations and in Board decision-making. The investigative and disciplinary guidelines may be modified based upon unique individual case considerations.

4. A statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement of a revision:

While this is a new substantive policy, it is based upon a previous position paper adopted by the Board.

5. The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom questions and comments about the substantive policy statement may be directed:

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6. Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the substantive policy statement and the costs for obtaining the policy statement:

Copies of this policy statement may be obtained at no cost via e-mail to the person listed above or on the Board web site: www.azbn.gov. Hard copies may be obtained by contacting the person listed above for \$0.25 per page.