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Regulatory Agencies

Division of Professions and Occupations

Healthcare Branch

TO: State Board of Nursing

FROM: Georgia Roberts, Program Director

DATE: July 24, 2015

RE: Emergency Justification Document: 3 CCR 716-1 Nurses Rules and Regulations to Implement Senate Bill 15-197

On May 18, 2015, Governor Hickenlooper signed SB-197, "Concerning the Prescriptive Authority of Advanced Practice Nurses," into law. In order to implement SB15-197 by its effective date of September 1, 2015, emergency changes are required to Board Chapter 15, "Rules and Regulations for Prescriptive Authority for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses." The emergency changes must be replaced by permanent rules no later than November 18, 2015.

To date, the process to implement SB15-197 has consisted of the following activities:

June 16, 2015 A stakeholder meeting was conducted in person and simultaneously via webinar.

June 29, 2015 Stakeholders were invited to provide any additional comments regarding the implementation of SB15-197 in writing to the Board by this date.

July 10, 2015 A proposed Chapter 15 emergency rule was drafted.

July 21, 2015 After discussion, the Board voted to adopt the draft emergency rules with minor amendments to be effective on September 1, 2015. The adopted emergency rule is the subject of this filing.

An additional stakeholder meeting and initiation of the permanent rulemaking process is expected in order to fully implement SB-197 by November 18, 2015.

