

## **Boards of Nursing and Medicine**

### **Continuing Competency Violations for Nurse Practitioners**

Should a nurse practitioner not complete their continuing competency requirements and it is determined that this is the first time and that the conduct is not willful or intentional, the Boards will offer a Confidential Consent Agreement (CCA) that will allow them to immediately obtain the missing hours. Original documentation of said missing hours shall be returned with the signed CCA.

Should it be determined that the conduct is willful or intentional, or it is the second or more occurrence for this violation, the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine will proceed with an informal conference or offer a pre-hearing consent order and shall consider the nurse practitioner's previous violations. Suggested sanctions include a \$100 monetary penalty for each missing hour and a \$300 monetary penalty for each fraudulent renewal certifying that the licensee meets the renewal requirements. In addition the nurse practitioner will be required to complete the missing hours with documentation submitted to the Board within 60 days of order entry.

Nurse practitioners may request exemptions or extensions as provided in 18VAC90-30-105 (E) and (F) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nurse Practitioners. Should an extension be granted, the nurse practitioner must obtain the hours within the time frame allotted by the Board.