

Virginia Board of Nursing

Indefinite Suspension Timeframes

- When the Board of Nursing determines it is appropriate to indefinitely suspend a license/certification/registration to practice based upon impairment due to chemical dependency issues, without an option of staying the suspension based upon entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioner Monitoring Program, the Board will routinely consider imposing a "not less than 2 year" minimum timeframe on the suspension, before allowing the licensee to apply for reinstatement. Factors to be considered on whether to impose this minimum timeframe shall include a demonstrated period of sobriety and evidence of chemical dependency treatment.
- Indefinite suspensions due to mental health impairments or practice issues may, but will not routinely, include a minimum timeframe.

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