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From: Dr. Judith H. Lewis, Chair, Board of Commissioners
Dr. Jennifer Butlin, Executive Director

Re: Revised CCNE *Procedures for Accreditation of Entry-to-Practice Nurse Residency Programs*

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) is pleased to announce that, on December 1, 2017, the CCNE Board of Commissioners amended the *Procedures for Accreditation of Entry-to-Practice Nurse Residency Programs (Procedures)*. In accordance with its commitment to ongoing self assessment and continuous quality improvement, CCNE periodically undertakes a review of its core documents, and these revisions are a result of such review.

The *Procedures* document can be accessed at <http://www.aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/CCNE/PDF/Procedures-Residency.pdf?ver=2017-06-28-150337-007>. The revised *Procedures* document goes into effect immediately. CCNE publishes separate accreditation procedures guiding the accreditation of baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs.

The revisions to the *Procedures* are non-substantive in nature, and most codify existing CCNE practice. For example, clarifying language has been added regarding CCNE's long-standing policy that the parent institution (healthcare organization) maintains accreditation by an institutional accrediting agency that is recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (see pages 4, 5, 12, and 13). Further, in light of recent natural disasters, there is now clarifying language that CCNE may cancel or postpone an on-site evaluation as a result of concerns regarding the team's safety and/or ability to conduct a thorough evaluation (see page 9).

In addition, the Disclosure section (pages 14-15) has been revised to reflect CCNE's new mailing address and website. **Please update CCNE's contact information in your database and contact lists, if you haven't already. Additionally, administrators of CCNE-accredited programs and new applicant programs should check their institution/program websites and publications to ensure that accreditation disclosure statements have been updated accordingly.**

Finally, the following language has been added to the Conflicts of Interest section on page 25:

Any CCNE volunteer (e.g., committee member or evaluator) who consults with programs within CCNE's scope of accreditation review is

required to disclose to such programs in writing that he/she is not representing CCNE when consulting.

Importantly, CCNE's long standing policy remains precluding current Board members from consulting, as well as not recommending consultants to programs.

If you have any questions about these revisions, please contact Benjamin Murray, Director of Accreditation Services, at 202-887-6791 x275 or at bmurray@ccneaccreditation.org.

Thank you.

