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TO: Iowa Nursing Education Programs

FROM: Jimmy A. Reyes, Associate Director of Practice and Education, Iowa Board of Nursing

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SUBJECT: March 26, 2020 Proclamation – Simulation and Clinical Hours

On March 26, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency. In Section Seven, Governor Reynolds temporarily suspended the requirement of rule 655-2.10(7)(a), which mandated that a simulation component not exceed fifty (50) percent of total clinical hours in a nursing education course. Accordingly, nursing programs whose students have remaining clinical hours that cannot be completed within a facility due to a COVID-19 related hardship may complete the remaining hours using simulation activities, even if the simulation activities exceed 50% of the total clinical hours of the course.

The Board strongly encourages programs to provide additional clinical opportunities for non-graduating students in the future to compensate for this period of increased virtual learning. The suspension of this rule is effective through April 16, 2020, unless the Governor terminates or extends the Proclamation.

If your nursing education program has the ability to implement face-to-face clinical and preceptorship learning experiences, please continue to do so. If your nursing education program must increase the use of simulation activities per course, please continue to (1) have educated and competent faculty implementing and evaluating the simulation, (2) have policies and procedures regarding the simulation experience including the method of debriefing, and (3) provide simulation experiences based on evidence-based practices.

The Board appreciates the submission of the two nursing education surveys, which has helped to understand the program's plan regarding the implementation of didactic, clinical, laboratory, preceptorship, and simulation learning opportunities. Please continue to submit changes to your plans via the surveys to Jimmy Reyes at [Jimmy.reyes@iowa.gov](mailto:Jimmy.reyes@iowa.gov)