



Board of Nursing – State of Idaho

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WELCOME TO PAPERLESS LICENSURE

On March 1, 2012, the Idaho Board of Nursing will begin the transition to paperless licensure. This decision was initiated in the interest of public safety to reduce the potential for licensure fraud and identity theft as well as to assure that licensure verification is based on accurate information obtained directly through the Board’s electronic licensure database.

Advantages of paperless licensure include, but are not limited to, these important benefits:

- ✓ Current licensure status can be verified on-line from anywhere by anyone at anytime
- ✓ There is no longer the risk of loss of a “license” due to theft, misplacement or accidental destruction of the paper card
- ✓ Nurse licensure information is always current; it is continually updated
- ✓ Electronic licensure assists employers in satisfying JCAHO standards that require the use of primary source data for nurse licensure verification
- ✓ Faster access to disciplinary action

Paperless licensure will be phased in over a two-year period, beginning with the 2012 LPN licensure renewal and continuing through the 2013 RN and APRN renewal. Licensed nurses will be notified by postcard of the pending expiration of their license and will be directed to the Board of Nursing website to complete the renewal application process. Once renewed, the license can be verified on-line and a copy of the licensure verification form can be printed as evidence that the license has been successfully renewed. To ensure you receive your biennial renewal reminder, submit address changes to the Board.

Each renewing licensee will receive a one-time “wallet licensure card” that indicates Idaho licensure and includes the type of license, license number and original date of licensure in Idaho. The card **will not** indicate the license expiration date or whether the license carries a multi-state privilege to practice. Instead, the viewer will be directed to the Board’s web site, <http://ibn.idaho.gov>, or to www.Nursys.com for detailed licensure verification information.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact the Board office.

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