

**Title 16, Division 14, Article 8, Sections 1484
California Code of Regulations**

Board of Registered Nursing

Final Statement of Reasons

Nurse Practitioner Education

Sections Affected: California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Division 14, Article 8, Section 1484

Updated Information

The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in the rulemaking file and incorporated as though set forth herein. The information contained therein accurately reflects the position of the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) regarding the amendment of the above section. The Initial Statement of Reasons (ISR) is updated as follows:

The 45-day public comment period began on November 12, 2021, and ended on December 28, 2021. No public hearing was originally set for this proposal, and none was requested. No comments were received. The Board adopted the text as originally noticed and as authorized at the Board's August 4, 2021, meeting.

Objections or Recommendations/Responses

There were no objections or recommendations regarding the proposed action.

Local Mandate

A mandate is not imposed on local agencies or school districts.

Small Business Impact

The Board has determined that this action does not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses, including small businesses. This determination is based upon the following facts. There are currently approximately 27,600 Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNPs) in California. The proposed regulation encourages increased program transparency and oversight integrity and makes explicit the Board's longstanding interpretation of its existing regulation regarding educational qualifications for CNPs in California. This proposal would not change the minimum requirements in existing regulation for educational programs for nurse practitioners, but rather clarify the Board's existing interpretation of its own regulations. Therefore, this proposal would not result in any further economic impact to small businesses.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative which was considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Board would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which it was proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulations or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. The Board incorporates by reference the alternatives identified in its Initial Statement of Reasons and did not receive any comments that altered its findings.