Board of Registered Nursing California Department of Consumer Affairs

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Clinical Facilities

<u>Section(s) Affected:</u> Section 1427, Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR)

Amend Section: CCR 1427 Adopt subdivisions: CCR 1427 (e) and (f)

Background:

This regulatory package was sent to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for its review and approval on March 30, 2022. Based on discussions with OAL, the Board elected to withdraw the regulation package on May 12, 2022, to allow for the opportunity clarify the language contained in proposed text of CCR 1427(e); this Supplemental Statement of Reasons accompanies the modified text for public comment.

Description of Changes in Modified Text:

In the proposed text for section 1427, subdivision (e), noticed November 12, 2021, the Board had adopted new language and added subdivision (e). The modified text splits the contents of subdivision (e) into subdivisions (e) and (f). The clarification within subdivision (e) identifies how a program must present the changes ("electronically") versus the earlier language simply stating the changes must be submitted in writing. This continues the process by which nursing programs currently notify the Board of changes, as described in the Initial Statement of Reasons. Additionally, the word "subdivision" is changed to "section" to indicate that the definition of "changes" applies to the entire section 1427, not just subdivision (e). Describing the process separately in subdivision (f) clarifies that, although a nursing program should notify the Board when any changes occur (within 90 days), nursing programs will be sent a request to confirm information each December, and any changes that were missed can be corrected. The modified regulatory language aligns more clearly with the Board's interpretation of the recommendations of the California State Audit (CSA) Report 2019-120 (as discussed in the Initial Statement of Reasons and as previously listed as Underlying Data for this rulemaking). As the Initial Statement of Reasons notes, previously, the Board validated data every five years but, based on recommendations of the CSA Report 2019-120, will validate annually moving forward.