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Dear NH SANE Community,

We are writing to inform you of the updated Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Rules and Regulations for Currency of Practice.

The changes reflect a combination of feedback from NH SANEs, an ongoing commitment to being leaders in the SANE community, and adherence to the International Association of Forensic Nurses SANE Education Guidelines with the goal of clarifying currency of practice, specifically how to achieve, maintain, and explain currency.

Please be aware of the following changes:

The clinical requirements have been updated to reflect national standards that prioritize achieving competency. Since competency is unique to every nurse based on their practice, experience, and comfort level, competency will be determined by the evaluating clinician and the facility utilizing the SANE or by the NH SANE Director or designee in a skills lab session rather than by a specific number of kits or exams.

The number of continuing education credit has increased to reflect national certification expectations. We are dedicated to helping you meet these requirements. We will offer a minimum of 30 hours of new content each year. We look forward to working with you to ensure you will meet these new requirements to maintain your currency of practice.

Please submit the attached Intention to Continue Practice form by April 30, 2015 to notify the NH SANE Program of your intention to continue your practice as a NH SANE. SANEs will then be required to submit a formal application, every two years, to establish and maintain currency of practice. The first application will be due April 30, 2016 to give current SANE’s one year to achieve the required level of currency under the new rules and regulations.

We appreciate your dedication to making a difference for sexual assault victims and helping to ensure that this patient population receives the best possible care during the forensic exam. Please contact the NH SANE Program if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you,

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