10A NCAC 13O .0301 is proposed for amendment as follows:

SECTION .0300 - NURSE AIDE I REGISTRY

**10A NCAC 13O .0301** NURSE AIDE I TRAINING AND COMPETENCY EVALUATION

(a) To be eligible to be listed on the NC Nurse Aide I Registry by the Health Care Personnel Education and Credentialing Section, a person shall:

(1) pass a Nurse Aide I training program approved by the Department in accordance with 42 CFR Part 483.151 through Part 42 CFR 483.152 and the State of North Carolina's Nurse Aide I competency exam; or

(2) apply to the Department for approval to be listed on the NC Nurse Aide I Registry by reciprocity of a nurse aide certification or registration from another State to North Carolina.

(b) In applying for reciprocity of a nurse aide certification or registration to be listed on the NC Nurse Aide I Registry pursuant to Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule, the applicant shall:

(1) submit a completed application to the Department that includes the following:
   (A) first, middle, and last name;
   (B) the applicant’s prior name(s), if any;
   (C) mother’s maiden name;
   (D) gender;
   (E) social security number;
   (F) date of birth;
   (G) mailing address;
   (H) email address;
   (I) home telephone number;
   (J) any other State registries of nurse aides upon which the applicant is listed;
   (K) certification or registration numbers for any State nurse aide registries identified in Part (b)(1)(J) of this Rule;
   (L) original issue dates for any certifications or registrations identified in Part (b)(1)(K) of this Rule;
   (M) expiration dates for any certifications or registrations identified in Part (b)(1)(K) of this Rule; and
   (N) employment history;

(2) provide documentation verifying that his or her registry listing is active and in good standing in the State(s) of reciprocity, dated no older than 30 calendar days prior to the date the application is received by the Department; and

(3) provide a copy of his or her Social Security card and an unexpired government-issued identification containing a photograph and signature.
(c) For the applicant to be approved for reciprocity of a nurse aide certification or registration and be listed on the NC Nurse Aide I Registry, the Department shall verify the following:

1. the applicant has completed an application in accordance with Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule;
2. the applicant is listed on another State’s registry of nurse aides as active and in good standing;
3. the applicant has no pending or substantiated findings of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or misappropriation of resident or patient property recorded on other State registries of nurse aides;
4. if the applicant has been employed as a nurse aide for monetary compensation consisting of at least a total of eight hours of time worked performing nursing or nursing-related tasks delegated and supervised by a Registered Nurse, then the applicant shall provide the employer name, employer address, and dates of employment for the previous 24 consecutive months;
5. the name listed on the Social Security card and government-issued identification containing a photograph and signature submitted with the application matches the name listed on another State’s registry of nurse aides or that the applicant has submitted additional documentation verifying any name changes; and
6. the applicant completed a State-approved nurse aide training and competency evaluation program that meets the requirements of 42 CFR 483.152 or a State-approved competency evaluation program that meets the requirements of 42 CFR 483.154.

(d) The Department shall within 10 business days of receipt of an application for reciprocity of a nurse aide certification or registration or receipt of additional information from the applicant:

1. inform the applicant by letter whether he or she has been approved; or
2. request additional information from the applicant.

The applicant shall be added to the NC Nurse Aide I Registry within three business days of Department approval.


(f) The State of North Carolina's Nurse Aide I competency exam shall include each course requirement specified in the Department-approved Nurse Aide I training program as provided for in 42 CFR Part 483.152.

(g) The State of North Carolina's Nurse Aide I competency exam shall be administered and evaluated only by the Department or its contracted testing agent as provided for in 42 CFR Part 483.154.

(h) The Department shall include a record of completion of the State of North Carolina's Nurse Aide I competency exam in the NC Nurse Aide I Registry within 30 business days of passing the written or oral exam and the skills demonstration as provided for in 42 CFR Part 483.154.

(i) If the State of North Carolina's Nurse Aide I competency exam candidate does not pass the written or oral exam and the skills demonstration as provided for in 42 CFR Part 483.154, the candidate shall be advised by the Department of the areas that the individual did not pass.
(g) (i) Every North Carolina's Nurse Aide I competency exam candidate shall have, as provided for in 42 CFR Part 483.154, have the opportunity to take the exam at maximum three times before being required to retake and pass a Nurse Aide I training program.

(h) A person who is currently listed on any state's Nurse Aide I Registry shall not be required to take the Department-approved Nurse Aide I training program to be listed or, if his or her 24-month listing period has expired, relisted on the NC Nurse Aide I Registry, unless the person fails to pass the State of North Carolina's Nurse Aide I competency exam after three attempts.

(i) (k) U.S. military personnel who have completed medical corpsman training and retired or non-practicing nurses shall not be required to take the Department-approved Nurse Aide I training program to be listed or relisted on the Nurse Aide I Registry, unless the person fails to pass the State of North Carolina's Nurse Aide I competency exam after three attempts.