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August 25, 2023

Brittany Novotny, JD, MBA
Executive Secretary
South Dakota Board of Nursing Facility Administrators
PO Box 340/1351 N. Harrison Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Fee Adjustments

Dear Ms. Novotny,

The South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations (SDAHO) serves as a voice for South Dakota's hospitals and healthcare organizations encompassing the full continuum of care. SDAHO members include hospitals, healthcare systems, nursing facilities, home health agencies, assisted living centers, and hospice organizations. SDAHO's mission includes advancing healthy communities across the healthcare continuum.

SDAHO has reviewed a copy of the draft rules for ARSD 20:49:04:01, 20:49:05:01, 20:49:06:01, 20:49:08:01.01, and 20:49:08:02 regarding the fee adjustments previously discussed and ARSD 20:49:08:01, 20:49:15:01 and 15:02 for the statutory reference update. We support the changes and updates and hope that we can continue to keep licensing fees low for our long-term care administrators as they continue to face financial and staffing challenges.

Sincerely,



Tammy Hatting
Chief Operating Officer
South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding proposed rules to update the fees associated with a nursing facility administrator license.

SDHCA is statewide not-for-profit association, representing nursing centers, assisted living centers, and senior living centers that provide long term care to South Dakotans.

We recognize the importance of maintaining the financial viability of the Board of Nursing and making the proposed changes to the applicable rules around nursing facility administrator licensing fees. SDHCA has had discussions with our Board of Directors and is in support of the proposed changes.

As always, we are appreciative of our partnership with the Board of Nursing, and acknowledge the important role the Board plays in ensuring the highest possible quality of care for the elderly and disabled residents of nursing centers.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. We are pleased to continue working together.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Deak
Executive Director
South Dakota Health Care Association

Brittany Novotny

From: Tammy Hatting <tammy.hatting@sdaho.org>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 7:28 AM
To: Brittany Novotny
Subject: FW: Suggestion for proposed rule change Nursing Home Administrator license

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From: Michael Christensen <mchristensen@bennettcountyhospital.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 9, 2023 12:54 PM
To: Tammy Hatting <tammy.hatting@sdaho.org>
Subject: Suggestion for proposed rule change Nursing Home Administrator license

Tammy

I appreciate your hard work and the updated report each week. I have one suggestion on the proposed rule change on administrator licensing. On page two, line 12, I suggest you add "... 20:49:05:01. Emergency **Administrator** permit ..." and on line 14 add "... permit to practice as a nursing facility **emergency** administrator...", which I think would then clarify who an 'emergency administrator' is for the remainder of that section. It would also clearly differentiate between a temporary emergency administrator and a permanent licensed administrator.

This is just a suggestion to help improve the processes in our state.

Thank you for all you do!



Michael Christensen

Chief Executive Officer/Administrator

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