STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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25 CAPITOL STREET, ROOM 234
CONCORD, NH 03301

Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-232

Rule Number: Nur 500

1. **Agency:** Board of Nursing

   Agency Address: Board of Nursing
   Office of Professional Licensure and Certification,
   7 Eagle Square,
   Concord, NH 03301
2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 326-B:9, VIII
3. **Federal Authority:** N/A
4. **Action(s):** Adoption, Readopt, Readopt w/Amendment
5. **Short Title:** Ethical Standards
6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

   Chapter Nur 500 rules establish ethical standards. The Board of Nursing (Board) proposes to readopt Nur 501.01 without changes and readopt with amendment Nur 501.02 and Nur 501.03 rules on ethical standards to update statutory references and provide clarity as to the roles of the Board and the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC). The Board proposes to adopt new Nur 501.04 regarding exemptions related to opioid prescribing to antagonists by an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) in accordance with RSA 318-B:15, IV. The Board proposes to readopt with amendment Nur 502 on opioid prescribing, with editorial changes.

   Sections Nur 502.01 and Nur 502.03 through Nur 502.05 are set to expire 1-1-27 however pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a they will remain effective through this rulemaking process.

X **Does this rule implement a state statute for the first time?**

If yes, please explain:

RSA 318-B:15, IV, became effective June 2, 2015 under the laws of 2015, 65:1. Although this statute is not new, this is the first time the Board is proposing to adopt a rule regarding exemptions in accordance with the rulemaking authority granted in RSA 326-B:9, XII to adopt rules relative to prescribing opioids pursuant to RSA 318-B:41.

6. **(b) Brief description of the groups affected:**

Groups affected include registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, licensed nursing assistants, and medication nursing assistants.

6. **(c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:**

Rule	**Statute**
Nur 501.01	RSA 326-B:9, VIII; RSA 326-B:4, I and V
Nur 501.02	RSA 326-B:9, VIII
Nur 501.03	RSA 326-B:11
Nur 501.04	RSA 318-B:15, IV
Nur 502.01	RSA 318-B:41, I(a)(3); RSA 318-B:41, II(a)
Nur 502.02	RSA 326-B:9, VIII; RSA 318-B:41, I(a)(3)
Nur 502.03	RSA 318-B:41, II(a), (c)-(d)(2)
Nur 502.04	RSA 318-B:41, II -II-a
Nur 502.06	RSA 326-B:9, VIII; RSA 326-B:11, III; RSA 326-B:37, II(h); RSA 318-B:10, I
Nur 502.07	RSA 326-B:9, XVI; RSA 326-B:14, II-a, RSA 326-B:14-a; RSA 326-B:27; RSA 326-B:27-a

7. **Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:**

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8. **Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:**

   Monday, December 28, 2026

   _ **Fax**

   X **Email** OPLC-Rules@oplc.nh.gov

   _ **Other**

9. **Public hearing scheduled for:**

   Date: Thursday, December 17, 2026

   Time: 11:30 AM

   Place: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification,
   7 Eagle Square,
   Concord, NH 03301

   Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A

10. **Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):**

    FIS #: 26:227, dated: Thursday, October 8, 2026

    1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

    There is no difference in costs when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules. Not applicable to Nur 501.04 which expired on March 19, 2026.

    2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

    No Federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

    3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

    There are no costs attributable to either the expired Nur 501.04 rule or the proposed new rule.

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. **Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:**

The proposed rules do not mandate or assign additional responsibilities to political subdivisions of the state. Therefore, they do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution.