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**NEW JERSEY BOARD OF NURSING**

Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.5, 9.2 and 9.5

Adopted Repeal: N.J.A.C. 13:37-9.4

**Fee Schedule; Definitions; Pediatric Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations; FN-CSA Education Programs**

Proposed: May 21, 2007 at 39 N.J.R. 1997(a).

Adopted: November 20, 2007 by the Board of Nursing, Leo-Felix Jurado, President.

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**Federal Standards Statement**

A Federal standards analysis is not required because there are no Federal laws or standards applicable to the adopted amendments or repeal.

Full text of the adoption follows:

**13:37-5.5 Fee schedule**

(a)-(d) (No change.)

(e) The following fees shall be charged by the Board in connection with certification of forensic nurses-certified sexual assault:

1.-4. (No change.)

(f) (No change.)

**13:37-9.2 Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

**13:37-9.4 (Reserved)**

**13:37-9.5 FN-CSA education programs**

(a)-(b) (No change.)

(c) A course in FN-CSA education shall be completed within a six-month period. A course shall contain a minimum of 40 hours of didactic instruction in the following:

1. History and role of forensic nursing, for a minimum of two hours, including:

i. History of forensic nursing;

- ii. Forensic roles and practice settings;
  - iii. Professional organizations; and
  - iv. Ethical issues of forensic practice;
2. Role and responsibility of the FN-CSA, for a minimum of two hours, including:
    - i. Board statutes and rules, N.J.S.A. 45:11-24 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 13:37;
    - ii. Job description; and
    - iii. Role within the Sexual Assault Response Team;
  3. Sexual Assault Response Teams, for a minimum of two hours, including:
    - i. Role of the rape care advocate;
    - ii. Role of law enforcement; and
    - iii. Sexual Assault Response Team activation;
  4. Secondary responding/interacting agencies, for a minimum of two hours, including:
    - i. Division of Youth and Family Services;
    - ii. Regional Diagnostic and Treatment Centers;
    - iii. Division of Developmental Disabilities; and
    - iv. Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly;
  5. Psychosocial issues of sexual assault, for a minimum of two hours, including:
    - i. Definition and dynamics of sexual assault;
    - ii. Cultural awareness;
    - iii. Rape Trauma Syndrome/Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; and
    - iv. Vicarious trauma;
  6. Needs of special victim populations, for a minimum of two hours, including:
    - i. Pediatrics;
    - ii. Elders;
    - iii. Disabled; and
    - iv. Male victims;
  7. Sexual assault offenders, for a minimum of two hours, including:
    - i. Offender characteristics; and
    - ii. Drug-facilitated sexual assault;

8. Anatomy and physiology, for a minimum of six hours, including:

- i. Male and female genital anatomy-normal growth and development;
- ii. Genital injury and healing; and
- iii. Injury versus disease process;

9. Nursing management issues, for a minimum of two hours, including:

- i. Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) regulations and medical screening exams, as required by 43 CFR §489.24 and N.J.A.C. 8:43G;
- ii. Sexually transmitted disease and pregnancy prevention;
- iii. Managing/referring medical problems; and
- iv. Patient discharge and referral;

10. Evidence in sexual assault cases, for a minimum of four hours, including:

- i. Specialized equipment and Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) kits; and
- ii. Lab procedures and DNA Evidence;

11. Documentation skills, for a minimum of four hours, including:

- i. Forensic history taking skills;
- ii. Communication skills; and
- iii. Fact-based documentation;

12. Documenting injuries and evidence, for a minimum of four hours, including:

- i. Body map diagrams (pediatric and adult);
- ii. Physical assessment;
- iii. Forensic photography; and
- iv. Colposcopy;

13. Genital exams, for a minimum of two hours;

14. Criminal justice system, for a minimum of two hours, including:

- i. New Jersey sexual assault laws;
- ii. Rules of evidence; and
- iii. Investigation and prosecution; and

15. Trial testimony, for a minimum of two hours, including:

- i. Preparing to testify; and

ii. Mock trial demonstration.

(d)-(g) (No change.)

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