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Jane Doe
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Dear Jane,

We are writing to you today to tell you about some upcoming changes to the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Certification Program. These changes are being made to the ANCC certification exams in response to the new *Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education* (APRN Consensus Model). **Your current certification as a <name of certification here> will remain in place for as long as you renew by meeting the requirements on the renewal application at the time of your renewal.**

As implementation of the new APRN Consensus Model progresses, ANCC has initiated plans to retire specific certification programs and develop certifications to more closely reflect the roles and populations required by the model regulations.

To prepare for the APRN Consensus Model implementation in 2015, ANCC will be creating certification examinations to meet the role and/or population foci requirements of the model regulations. **Planning for these certifications is under way, and we are pleased to announce the expected launch of an updated Family Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner certification exam in 2013.** The process of updating the exam will include an evaluation of the use of the term "family" in the title of the exam. The exam content itself will cover psychiatric and mental health advanced practice nursing across the life span.

Retired exams will no longer be available after the date indicated below, and no new nurses will be able to become certified in these areas. If your certification is retired, you must renew your credentials using professional development activities and clinical practice hours. **Each time you renew, you will retain your current credentials as <name of credentials here>.** ANCC will provide advance notice of retiring exams and information on the impact of required changes on APRNs. During this transition process, it is crucial for APRNs to keep their certifications current and stay in touch with ANCC and their regulatory board for more information as it becomes available. If your certification lapses, you may not be able to renew your existing certification or your license to practice.

In 2014, ANCC will retire the certifications for:

- Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Child/Adolescent Psychiatric & Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist

Certified nurses in the above specialties will be able to keep their certifications and renew by using professional development activities and clinical practice hours to meet the requirements on the renewal application.



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For more details on the APRN Consensus Model implementation and what it means for you, please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions document. You may also contact ANCC for additional assistance at 1.800.924.4194 and APRNInfo@ana.org.

We are here to answer your questions, and to guide you through the process and transition. Information about renewal of your certification is also available on the Web site www.nursecredentialing.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Drenkard".

Karen Drenkard, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen Swartwout".

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