**Section 2749.320 Fulfillment of Nursing Employment Obligation or Nurse Educator Employment** **Obligation**

a) A recipient must graduate from the nursing program funded and provide a copy of the certificate, diploma or degree that indicates the graduation date as soon as the document is available.

b) A recipient must be licensed as a registered professional nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse in the State of Illinois and must provide a copy of the license as soon as it is available.

c) Except as provided in Sections 597.330 and 597.335, *within 12 months after graduation from an associate degree in nursing program, hospital-based diploma in nursing program, baccalaureate degree in nursing program, graduate degree in nursing program, or certificate in practical nursing program, any recipient who accepted a scholarship shall begin meeting the required nursing employment obligation.* (Section 6 of the Law)

1) To complete the nursing employment obligation, the recipient must work full time or part time (as applicable) at a medical facility in Illinois providing direct patient care.

2) Fulfillment of the nursing employment obligation may be achieved as follows:

A) For each full-time semester completed, the obligation is six months of full-time employment or 12 months of part-time employment;

B) For each part-time semester completed, the obligation is three months of full-time employment or six months of part-time employment;

C) For each full-time quarter or trimester completed, the obligation is four months of full-time employment or eight months of part-time employment;

D) For each part-time quarter or trimester completed, the obligation is two months of full-time employment or four months of part-time employment;

E) For each full-time summer term completed, the obligation is three months of full-time employment or six months of part-time employment;

F) For each part-time summer term completed, the obligation is one and one-half months of full-time employment or three months of part-time employment.

d) Except as provided in Sections 597.330 and 597.335, *within 12 months after graduation from a graduate degree in nursing program for nurse educators, any recipient who accepted a scholarship shall begin meeting the required nurse educator employment obligation* by teaching nursing students at an approved institution in Illinois. (Section 6.5(d) of the Law)

1) A recipient must graduate from the nursing program funded and provide a copy of the degree that indicates the graduation date as soon as the document is available.

2) To complete the nurse educator employment obligation, the recipient shall be employed full time or part time (as applicable) at an approved institution in Illinois to educate nursing students. The nurse educator employment obligation is *2 years for each year of scholarship assistance received*. (Section 3(24) of the Law)

3) Fulfillment of the nurse educator employment obligation may be achieved as follows:

A) For each full-time semester completed, the obligation is 12 months of employment;

B) For each part-time semester completed, the obligation is six months of employment;

C) For each full-time quarter or trimester completed, the obligation is eight months of employment;

D) For each part-time quarter or trimester completed, the obligation is four months of employment;

E) For each full-time summer term completed, the obligation is six months of employment;

F) For each part-time summer term completed, the obligation is three months of employment.

e) Forms to document nursing employment or nurse educator employment shall be sent to the recipient following graduation and licensure. Documentation forms will be forwarded periodically until the nursing employment obligation or nurse educator employment obligation is completed, at which time the recipient will be notified and the scholarship record closed.

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