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KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING
MARY BLUBAUGH MSN, RN, EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

June 10, 2005

Dear Current Excelsior College Nursing Student:

As you may recall, the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) previously met in March and took action to address the concerns expressed by many Kansas students of Excelsior College regarding their ineligibility for nursing licensure in Kansas, based on Excelsior's failure to provide a clinical curriculum that met the requirements of Kansas law. Since that time, the Kansas Legislature took additional action related to this issue. I am writing to apprise Kansas students of Excelsior College of this latest development.

The 2005 Legislature passed the following measure which recently was signed into law by Governor Sebelius:

"In addition to the other purposes for which expenditures may be made . . . for fiscal year 2006 or fiscal year 2007 . . . the board of nursing shall make expenditures . . . to pay for the costs of completing a clinical curriculum that meets the clinical component requirements in K.A.R. 60-1-104 and 60-2-105, and amendments thereto, for licensure as a registered nurse, for each of the 58 persons [from Kansas] enrolled in the Excelsior College Associate Degree Registered Nurse program prior to February 16, 2005: *Provided*, That all such expenditures by the board of nursing . . . shall be for payments to postsecondary educational institutions or proprietary schools, as defined by K.S.A. 74-3201b and amendments thereto, which are located in Kansas for clinical programs offered in Kansas."

Based on this enactment, as one of the 58 Excelsior College students from Kansas that was enrolled in the nursing program prior to February 16, 2005, you are eligible to have KSBN pay your tuition expenses for completing a clinical curriculum through a Kansas postsecondary educational institution or proprietary school as deemed necessary. One such program has even obtained grant money for the purpose of providing Excelsior College students the necessary clinical curriculum.

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The Legislature enacted this as a one-time measure and it will be in effect only during fiscal years 2006 and 2007; in other words, **payments will be available only from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007.** Students who wish to take advantage of this opportunity must contact KSBN as soon as possible to make arrangements for KSBN to pay clinical tuition expenses to the Kansas nursing program through which the student wishes or has arranged to obtain the clinical curriculum.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, or in order to make arrangements for your clinical tuition expenses to be paid as provided, please feel free to contact Nancy Mosbaek, KSBN Education Specialist, at 785-296-3782 or me at 785-296-5752.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Blubaugh MSN, RN". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "M".

Mary Blubaugh, MSN, RN
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Executive Administrator