



### **Notice of ANCC Changes and How they affect Kansas Board of Nursing Licensees:**

In November of 2005, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Commission on Accreditation voted to remove the limitation of one contact hour minimum. Kansas regulations required that nursing continuing education for license renewal be a minimum of one contact hour in length – partial hours over one hour are accepted. There is no plan at this time to remove the one contact hour minimum from the Kansas regulations.

The 2006 revision of the ANCC Manual for accreditation of approved providers, the definition of a contact hour was changed from a 50 minute hour to a 60 minute hour effective January 1, 2007. At least two other national nursing continuing education providers are also implementing this change – the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). American College of Nurse Midwives has had a 60 minute contact hour for a number of years. The National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) May 2006 CE information does not indicate that they are implementing the change.

The majority of State boards of nursing that approve continuing education providers define a contact hour as 50 minutes of participation; some, like Arkansas, define a contact hour as 50 or 60 minutes of participation.

Kansas Board of Nursing will continue to accept continuing education approved by other state board of nursing or national nursing organizations/associations. Contact hours will be determined by the contact hours listed on the certificate, regardless of whether the provider uses a 50 or 60 minute contact hour. The Continuing Education Committee will continue to look at this issue.