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**HEALTH LAW CLIENT ALERT**

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING TO END PAPER RENEWAL REMINDERS  
& REQUESTS NURSES' EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Effective with the 2018 RN and 2019 LPN renewal cycles, the Board of Registration of Nursing (“BORN”) will no longer issue paper notifications or licenses. Nurses will be expected to keep a current email address on file with BORN, to which BORN will send important documents and other information electronically, such as license renewal reminders. Your organization should have procedures in place to ensure that nurses have their current email address on file with BORN and regularly check their email messages. Additionally, if there is not already, there should be a mechanism in place by which staff license expiration dates are tracked and staff receive reminders when their expiration dates are approaching.

As a reminder: RN and APRN renewals occur on the RN’s birthday in even-numbered years, and LPN license renewals occur on the LPN’s birthday in odd-numbered years. NPs and other APRNs must renew their BORN authorization to practice as an APRN at the same time they renew their RN license. Nurses are expected to renew their licenses by logging on to [this renewal website](#). A failure to do so by 11:59 P.M. on the license expiration date may result in fines of up to \$2,500 and/or six months of imprisonment. The lapse of a nurse’s license could also have adverse consequences for the facility employing a nurse whose licensure has lapsed.

BORN’s notice is available [here](#).

Please contact a member of the Krokidas & Bluestein health care team with any questions by calling our office at 617-482-7211.