

CHAPTER 12
REGISTERED NURSE CERTIFYING ORGANIZATIONS/
UTILIZATION AND COST CONTROL REVIEW

Chapter rescission date pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.7: 6/4/30

655—12.1(509,514,514B,514F) Purpose. This chapter is promulgated for the purpose of administering the provisions of Iowa Code sections 509.3, 514.7, 514B.1 and 514F.1.

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655—12.2 Reserved.

655—12.3(509,514,514B) National certifying organizations. Eligibility requirements for certification are established by the individual national certifying organization. National certifying organizations identified by the board pursuant to Iowa Code sections 509.3, 514.7, 514B.1, and 514F.1 are as follows:

- Addictions Nursing Certification Board
- American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation
- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
- American Board of Medical Genetics
- American Board of Neuroscience Nursing
- American Board for Occupational Health Nurses, Inc.
- American Board of Post Anesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc.
- American Board of Urology
- American Urological Association
- American College of Nurse-Midwives
- American Holistic Nurses' Credentialing Corporation
- American Nurses' Credentialing Center
- American Society of Plastic Surgical Nurses
- Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
- Association of Rehabilitation Nurses, Certification Board
- Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing
- Board of Nephrology Examiners Nursing and Technology
- Certifying Council for Gastroenterology Clinicians, Inc.
- Clinical Nutrition Certification Board
- National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists
- Dermatology Nurses Association
- Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Certification Board
- Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, HIV/AIDS Nursing Certification Board
- International Association of Infant Massage
- International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners
- International Nurses Society on Addictions
- Infusion Nurses Certification Corporation
- Lamaze International
- National Board for Certification of School Nurses
- Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education
- Pediatric Nurse Certification Board
- National Certification Corporation for the Obstetric, Gynecologic and Neonatal Nursing Specialties
- National Certifying Board for Ophthalmic Registered Nurses
- National Association of Chemical Dependency Nurses
- Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation

Orthopaedic Nurses Certification Board
Plastic Surgical Nursing Certification Board
Radiologic Nursing Certification Board
Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates
Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses
Society of Urological Nurses and Associates
Society for Vascular Nursing
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Certification Board

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655—12.4(514F) Utilization and cost control review (U.C.C.R.) committee. The board may establish a U.C.C.R. committee for the purpose set forth in Iowa Code section 514F.1, including questions regarding:

1. Appropriateness of levels of nursing care.
2. Documentation of the credentials of the nurse(s) offering the service(s).
3. Documentation of the care provided.
4. Documentation of the costs of nursing services provided by credentialed nurses as requested by users and payers of such services.

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655—12.5(514F) Selection and composition of the U.C.C.R. committee.

12.5(1) A U.C.C.R. committee will consist of five licensed registered nurses, three of whom shall be certified by the above. A quorum of the U.C.C.R. committee is three members. When a quorum is present, a position is carried by a majority of the committee members.

12.5(2) The chairperson of the board of nursing, upon receipt of a request for review, will appoint committee members and designate a chairperson and a secretary.

12.5(3) Members of the U.C.C.R. committee will:

- a. Have been actively practicing nursing in Iowa for a period of five years immediately prior to their appointment.
- b. Hold an active Iowa registered nurse license or hold a current license in another state and be recognized for licensure in Iowa pursuant to the nurse licensure compact contained in Iowa Code chapter 152E.
- c. Be actively involved in nursing practice during the term of appointment.
- d. Not be exempt from mandatory disclosure requirements of Iowa Code section 272C.9.
- e. Not be civilly liable when functioning in their capacity of committee members in compliance with Iowa Code section 272C.8.
- f. Observe the requirements of confidentiality imposed by Iowa Code section 272C.6(4).

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655—12.6(514F) Scope of review.

12.6(1) Factors to determine appropriateness of nursing care deemed medically necessary may include but are not limited to:

- a. Utilization of the nursing process in establishing a nursing diagnosis.
- b. Development of a nursing care plan based on documentation of client needs and standards of care for that particular clinical specialty.
- c. Adequate completion of recommended nursing care plan.
- d. Quality of care as measured by outcome.
- e. Proper referral to specialists or physicians when conditions indicate.

12.6(2) Cost review will result in an opinion as to the fairness of charges for nursing care services based on criteria including but not be limited to:

- a. The nurse's usual charge for the service.
- b. The customary charge for the service based on a review of peer group charges.
- c. Reasonable variance due to degree of difficulty, skill, or judgment.

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655—12.7(514F) Procedures for utilization and cost control review.

12.7(1) A request for review may be made to the board by a patient, licensee, or third-party payer of health care benefits.

12.7(2) The fee for a utilization and cost control review is \$50 per individual patient review, made payable to the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing.

12.7(3) A request for review may be submitted to the board by addressing the request to the board of nursing as provided in 481—Chapter 1 and on the website of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing: dial.iowa.gov. Requests may be made on forms provided by the department. All references to identification and location of the licensee shall be deleted prior to submission.

12.7(4) The U.C.C.R. committee will present its findings and recommendations in writing to the chairperson of the board within 90 days of the committee appointment, with the parties notified of the findings thereafter.

12.7(5) If during its review the U.C.C.R. committee identifies a possible violation of Iowa Code chapter 152 or rules promulgated thereunder, the board may take further action, as appropriate.

12.7(6) Action of the U.C.C.R. committee does not constitute an action of the board.

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These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 509.3, 514.7, 514B.1, and 514F.1.

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