WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7164, also known as the Philippine Nursing Act of 1991, provides that a special training in the administration of "intravenous injections" shall be required in accordance with the protocol established;

WHEREAS, in pursuance thereof, the Professional Regulatory Board of Nursing (Board) issued Resolution No. 08, s. of 1994, requiring all nurses who are to administer "intravenous injections" to undergo a special training therein at least under a nursing administrator who is a member of the Association of Nursing Administrators of the Philippines (ANSA) and who is qualified under Section 28, Article V of R. A. No. 7164, either before or after his/her registration as nurse, subject to such penalties for non-compliance therewith;

WHEREAS, R. A. No. 7164 has been repealed with the enactment of R. A. No. 9173, otherwise known as the Philippine Nursing Act of 2002, in October 21, 2002;

WHEREAS, R. A. No. 9173 vests upon the Board such powers and duties which include, inter alia, prescribe, adopt, issue and promulgate guidelines, regulations, measures and decisions as may be necessary for the improvement of the nursing practice, advancement of the profession and for the proper and full enforcement of the law, subject to the review and approval by the Commission;

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2011, the Board issued an advisory declaring Resolution No. 08, s. of 1994, as null and void in light of the Repealing Clause of the new nursing law;

WHEREAS, as early as 2009, the basic intravenous therapy training has already been incorporated in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) curriculum by virtue of CHED Memorandum Order No. 14, s. of 2009;

WHEREAS, the Board issued Resolution No. 31, s. of 2015, prescribing the guidelines on the regulation and monitoring of in-service training programs for nurses in government and private hospitals and healthcare institutions in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2016, R. A. No. 10912 or the Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016 lapsed into law which institutionalized the CPD requirement in the practice of all the regulated professions;

WHEREFORE, in light of the foregoing developments in the nursing practice, the Board has RESOLVED, as it so RESOLVES, to prescribe new set of rules on the implementation of the special training requirement on intravenous therapy for nurses, to wit:

1. Nurses are expected to possess the basic competencies in intravenous therapy, being an integral component of the BSN curriculum. Nevertheless, hospitals and healthcare institutions may employ such tests as may be necessary to verify the level of the nurse's competency or skills on intravenous therapy prior to hiring. If the nurse demonstrates basic competence in intravenous therapy, no further training shall be required of the nurse. Otherwise, the hospital or healthcare institution shall provide or offer such training at no expense to the nurse.
2. Completion of intravenous therapy training shall not be required for employment or promotion but may be credited or favorably considered in the evaluation of the nurse’s application for employment or promotion.

3. Special training in intravenous therapy shall be provided by a hospital or healthcare institution to its staff nurses as part of its in-service training program at no cost to the latter, subject to other requirements set forth in Resolution No. 31, s. of 2015.

4. Training programs for intravenous therapy shall be conducted or offered by providers accredited by the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Council for Nursing. The program/module design and content for intravenous therapy must be developed in strict adherence with the framework of the National Nursing Core Competency Program (NNCCP) and the existing guidelines on the CPD.

5. Accredited providers shall issue certificates to nurses who have satisfactorily completed the special training in intravenous therapy.

Board Resolution No. 08, s. of 1994 and all other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

This Resolution shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation in the country. Let copies hereof be further furnished the U. P. Law Center, Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Nurses Association (PNA), ANSAP, Association of Deans of Philippine Colleges of Nursing (ADPCN) and other relevant agencies and professional organizations of nurses.

Done this 18th day of November 2016 in the City of Manila.

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