



Resolution #4

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Whereas nurse practitioners must accumulate a minimum of 600 hours of nurse practitioner practice over two years in order to renew their registration;

Whereas most nurse practitioners are women;

Whereas nurse practitioners are entitled to take maternity leave that can extend up to 18 months through the federal Employment Insurance maternity benefits program;

Whereas nurse practitioners are not immune to serious illnesses, such as cancer, that could prevent them from working for up to a year;

Whereas in other Canadian provinces such as British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and in the Northwest Territories, the period to accumulate practice hours is three years, and even four years in Quebec and in Prince Edward Island;

Whereas Ontario has no requirements as to the number of practice hours needed to maintain registration;

Whereas the period for New Brunswick nurses to accumulate the required practice hours is five years;

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors consider the possibility of changing to three years the period for accumulating practice hours so that nurse practitioners who want children or are on sick leave are not penalized.