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Re: Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions - Name Change Request

Dear Mr. Cole:

This letter is to confirm recent discussions between your office and the Higher Education Office to assure that the request of Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions (CMMCCNHP) to change its name to the Maine College of Health (MCH) is in compliance with Department of Education rules and regulations. You have indicated the only reason for the name change is that it is too cumbersome and will not result in any changes to the institution's current level of authorization to offer the AAS in Nursing degree nor other curriculum.

After review of Title 20-A, Chapter 409, *Degree Granting Institutions*, the Department believes the name change does not affect the meaning of definitions set out in §10701; involve any of the prohibition criteria in §10711; nor initiate any circumstances resulting in termination of degree-granting authority listed in §10712. Instead, the name change falls under the criteria listed in the second sentence of §10712, Item 4, Merger; consolidation; reorganization.

The Department has determined there are no requirements in either statute or rule that need to be satisfied. However, as discussed, we request that a letter of notification from CMMCCNHP administration be sent to the attention of Commissioner of Education, James E. Rier, Jr., in which the College's intention to seek the name change is laid out. The letter should also provide assurance that no further degrees will be conferred by or in the name of CMMCCNHP following a specific date (xx).

Next, the State Board of Education needs to be notified as follows: (1) upon receipt of the notification to the Commissioner, an exhibit of notification should be submitted to the State Board of Education at the next regular meeting; and (2) once the date (xx) is passed, an exhibit should be compiled and submitted to the State Board during their next regular meeting for the Board to "acknowledge the change and then to authorize continuance of degree-granting activity, at the Associate in Applied Science level, under the institution's new name (Maine Health College)". The Board should then be asked to "terminate the degree-granting authority of Central Maine Medical Center College of Nursing and Health Professions" establishing the effective date of this action being the same date (xx) as specified above.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Anita Bernhardt
Director, Standards and Instructional Support