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## **MINNESOTA NHA BOARD ADOPTS NAB HSE STANDARD WITH NEW CATEGORIES FOR LICENSE, BECOMES 12<sup>TH</sup> STATE TO ADOPT THE NAB HSE STANDARD**

Washington, D.C. – June 10, 2019 – The National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) is excited to announce that Minnesota has adopted the NAB Health Service Executive (HSE) qualification standard in addition to establishing an HSE license. Minnesota becomes the second state to offer an HSE license and the 12<sup>th</sup> state to adopt the NAB HSE qualification standard. The HSE is a national standard that qualifies administrators that have been HSE qualified by NAB to meet the licensure standards in multiple lines of service across the continuum of senior living and health services in the state. The Health Services Executive legislation, signed by Governor Tim Walz on May 29, will also initiate another licensure category for assisted living directors (LALDs), which will be required for all Minnesota assisted living administrators by July 1, 2021. Both licenses will be administered by the Minnesota Board of Executives for Long Term Care Services and Supports (BELTSS), which also licenses nursing home administrators.

“Minnesota was very focused on having quality services delivered as safely as possible, and we thank Governor Walz (D), Sen. Housley (R) and Representative Schultz (D) for their leadership in promoting public safety within all care settings,” said Randy D. Snyder, HSE, Executive Director of BELTSS. “The HSE and assisted living director licenses are assurances to Minnesotans that they and their loved ones will receive quality care under the leadership of a knowledgeable administrator.”

“We are energized by the expansion of the HSE into more jurisdictions,” said Randy Lindner, CAE, President and CEO of NAB. “We are approaching a tipping point in the HSE’s development, wherein its successful adoption in twelve states is encouraging licensure boards and agencies in others to comprehend the importance and viability of the program. The standard elevates the profession through a broader knowledge base, offers licensure portability and supports NAB’s member’s mission of protecting the public.”

Minnesota is the second state to establish an HSE license; Nevada inaugurated its HSE licensure in 2018. Ten other states have adopted the HSE through licensure by equivalency: Alabama, Arizona, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah and Virginia.

NAB launched the HSE qualification standards in July of 2017 to address the issues of licensure portability across state lines and across lines of service, to enhance the image of the profession, to meet requirements for expanded scopes of practice and to establish a national standard of licensure. The NAB HSE qualification initiative supports recent initiatives by the Department of Labor and the Federal Trade Commission to remove unnecessary barriers to licensure portability. The NAB HSE qualification supports licensure portability across all states that adopt the NAB HSE standards, as well as portability to practice in multiple senior living and health services settings. The HSE qualification recognizes competencies to practice and meet state licensure requirements for nursing home (NHA), residential care/assisted living (RC/AL) and home and community based services (HCBS) administration whenever a license to practice is required.

To learn more about the HSE qualification or to apply for the HSE, please visit NAB’s web page at <https://www.nabweb.org/health-services-executive>.

*NAB (www.nabweb.org), the nation’s authority on licensing executives in long term care to deliver quality care, convenes 52 state regulatory boards and agencies, former state regulatory board members, academicians, continuing education sponsors and affiliated associations.*

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