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OHIO APPROVES ITS HSE STATUTE, BECOMES THE 13TH STATE TO ADOPT THE NAB HSE STANDARD

Washington, D.C. – July 29, 2019 – The National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) is pleased to announce that Ohio has adopted the NAB Health Services Executive (HSE) qualification. The state legislature approved language to accept the HSE in its budget bill on July 18; and the statute will take effect on October 16—90 days after its passage. The Ohio Board of Executives for Long-term Services and Supports (BELTSS) is currently developing its HSE rules for filing with the state government. NAB congratulates BELTSS Executive Director Deborah Velej and her staff, as well as the members of the Ohio board, for their leadership in adopting the HSE.

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 Buckeye State becomes the thirteenth state to adopt the NAB HSE qualification standard, and the most populous state thus far to do so. Ohio is also the home of five NAB-accredited university programs in long term care: Bowling Green State, Kent State, Ohio University, Shawnee State and Youngstown State University, which received its NAB accreditation in June. Furthermore, recent BELTSS board member Michael Coury has the distinction of being the first person in the country to qualify for the HSE.

“Ohio is proud to support the Health Services Executive qualification,” said Michael Scharfenberger, chair of the Ohio board. “The HSE is a tremendous opportunity for our state’s long term care administrators, who, if qualified, will be able to serve the public in a variety of care settings.”

“NAB is thankful for the leadership from Ohio BELTSS in championing the HSE,” said Randy Lindner, CAE, President and CEO of NAB. “The Ohio board and its members have long had a strong presence within NAB’s standing committees and at our meetings and forums, as well as with the development of the HSE. The HSE standard elevates the profession through a broader knowledge base, offers licensure portability and supports NAB’s member’s mission of protecting the public; Ohio’s imprimatur further strengthens the HSE nationwide.”

Ohio becomes the third state to establish an HSE license; Nevada inaugurated its HSE licensure in 2018, and Minnesota’s HSE legislation was signed into law this past May. Ten other states have adopted the HSE through licensure by equivalency: Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, 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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