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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
From: Lisa Gleason, Assistant Commissioner
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Flexibility in Time Limitations for Substitute Nurses

Today, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) filed a Notice of Temporary Rule Modification with the Office of Administrative Law.

The Rule Modification temporarily amends N.J.A.C. 6A: 9B-7.6 to extend the time limitation in which a substitute non-instructional school nurse can serve in a single position within a single district. The public health emergency has shined a light on the invaluable role that school nurses play in ensuring the health and safety of our students. Unfortunately, the public health emergency has also highlighted the shortage of school nurses that exists throughout the State. In order to provide additional flexibility to school districts and alleviate some of the burdens of meeting the growing school nurse shortage, the rule modification extends the existing time limitation of 60 days to the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

The Notice of Temporary Rule Modification is available on the NJDOE's [Proposed Rules webpage](#) and is effective immediately.

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