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Nurse Renewal Begins March 1 – Department of Professional Regulation Recommends Electronic Options for Quick Service

The Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, State of Illinois, (IDPR) is recommending that Illinois nurses and their employers take advantage of the Department's electronic options in renewing their professional licenses.

"More than 150,000 nurses will be renewing their licenses between March 1 and May 31," Fernando E. Grillo, IDPR Director said. "In the past, some nurses experienced an unpleasant last-minute scramble to our Springfield office to renew. Those days are over as the Department has offered three convenient electronic options over the last few years: E-batch; over the Internet; and via the Touch Tone/Credit Card renewal system."

The E-batch License Renewal program allows licensed nurses to easily renew through their employing hospital or healthcare organization. Hospitals collect the renewal forms and fees for their nurses, and then enter the license numbers and security PIN codes in the IDPR database using a secure, user-friendly interface. E-batch helps these organizations by:

- Ensuring registered nurses have active licenses, thereby avoiding staffing shortages and reducing the number of disciplinary actions IDPR takes against professionals who practice with expired licenses;
- Reducing, or eliminating, the time healthcare facilities spend verifying the renewal of licenses; and
- Offering a great service to their nurses by allowing them to renew at work - some organizations even cover the cost of licensing fees for their nurses through E-batch.

Director Grillo added that nurses who don't have access to E-batch through their employers can renew their licenses through the Department of Professional Regulation's website - www.ILDPR.com.

"Nurses with a credit card and a computer can renew in their own living rooms," he said. "They can also renew using our Touch Tone/Credit Card System* by calling 1-800-823-6100."

(*There is a \$3 convenience fee for renewing by credit card to cover vendor costs.)