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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Ohio Board of Nursing

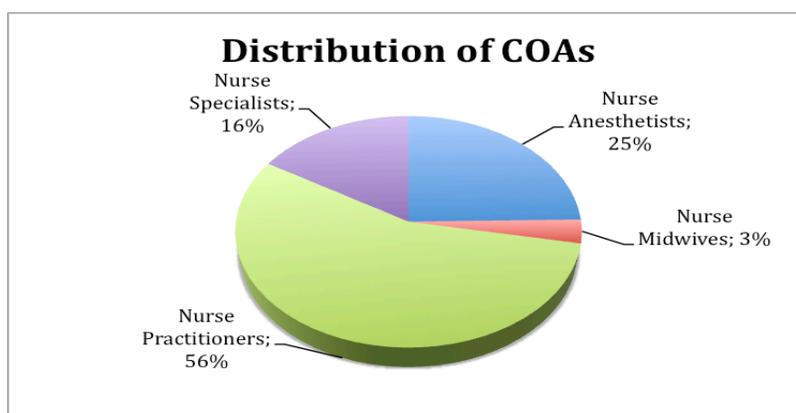
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SUBJECT: Certificate of Authority (COA) Employment Location and Primary Specialty Data Collected During the 2011 Renewal Cycle

During this year's RN renewal cycle, the Board collected COA credential holder's specialty and employment location data as part of the mandatory renewal questions. The responses from those who renewed during that period have been tabulated and summarized for your review.

There are approximately 9,627 active COA holders, which constitute approximately 5% of all RNs holding an active license. Of the total number of certificate holders less than 1% have more than one certificate. Additionally, almost 50% of the 9,627 COA holders either maintain or are in the externship process for obtaining their Certificate to Prescribe (CTP).



There are 2,417 nurse anesthetists, 5,466 nurse practitioners and 1,581 nurse specialist certificates active. Both nurse practitioners and nurse specialists have various areas of specialization.

Nurse Anesthetists	Nurse Midwives	Nurse Practitioners	Nurse Specialists	Certificates to Prescribe
2,417	322	5,466	1,581	5,626

During the 2011 renewal cycle, nurse specialists and nurse practitioners were asked to self report their primary area specialization. The information in table below does not reflect approximately 8% of the currently active COA population who either indicated they were not working in an advanced practice capacity or were initially awarded their COA during the renewal cycle and therefore not subject to the 2011 renewal application.

Specialties Area Reported	Nurse Practitioner	Nurse Specialist
Acute Care	337	83
Adult	1120	-
Adult Health	-	297
Adult Psych	52	344
Child Adolescent Psych	-	45
Community Health	-	44
Family	1676	-
Family Psych	9	-
Geriatric	101	74
Med-Surg.	-	76
Neonatal	258	-
Not employed as a CNP or CNS	44	266
Oncology	45	65
Other	84	104
Palliative Care	23	21
Pediatric	443	86
Pediatric Acute Care	69	-
Pediatric Primary Care	220	-
Psychiatric	25	-
Women's Health	335	20

The map on the next page shows the State of Ohio broken down in smaller geographic regions based on the first three-digits of USPS zip-codes and indexed by unique letter. The table associated with the map provides the distribution of Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Specialists, Nurse Midwives and Nurse Anesthetists who provided the zip-code of their employer during the 2011 renewal cycle.

DISTRIBUTION OF COAs in OHIO BASED ON ZIP-CODE GROUPS

