

**Adopted Amendments to §§ 213.27 - 213.30, and §213.33,
Pertaining to Practice and Procedure**

The adopted amendments to §§ 213.27 - 213.30, and §213.33 add language to the foregoing rules regarding the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies and its Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct. These policies were reviewed by the Board's Task Force on Eligibility and Discipline, an advisory committee consisting of advocate and stakeholder groups representing nursing practice. The Board approved modifications to the Board's Eligibility and Disciplinary Sanction Policies pertaining to substance abuse/dependency, lying and falsification, sexual misconduct, and fraud, theft, and deception, and these were published on February 22, 2008, in the *Texas Register* (33 TexReg 1646). These policies and guidelines are referred to by the Staff and Board when determining appropriate decisions in eligibility and disciplinary matters and should, therefore, be included in the Board's rules. The purpose of these policies is to address issues that arise in eligibility and disciplinary matters under Texas Occupations Code § 301.452(b) and §§ 213.27 - 213.30 and § 213.33.

No comments were received in response to the proposed amendments to these rules, so they were submitted without changes and went into effect on July 2, 2008.