

## Board Office Update

We have made several exciting changes at the Florida Board of Nursing. We are utilizing an expedited fingerprint card process, which has decreased our response time from 7 to 10 weeks to 7 to 10 business days after receipt of the fingerprint card. Increasing numbers of applicants are utilizing our online application. An upgrade of this application will occur within the second quarter of 2008. Our new upgraded online application will be a paperless system allowing us to download the application on-site. These improvements in customer service have resulted in decreased processing time.

Starting April 1, 2008, we will no longer issue temporary licenses or extend any previously issued temporary license. Ensure the issuance of your permanent license as quickly as possible with:

- \* Submission of a complete application
- \* Completion of the Prevention of Medical Errors continuing education course
- \* Clear background checks or court documents and self-explanation submitted to our office with your application

In addition, endorsement applicants are responsible to send:

- \*2 completed fingerprint cards
- \* Original and current license verification(s) from [www.nursys.com](http://www.nursys.com) or directly from the state(s) that you hold licensure in

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