

## Joint Memo

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To:

From: The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN®)  
The Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers (the Forum)

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing and the Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers have agreed to engage in a joint effort to collect nursing workforce supply data from states in 2012. The goal is to create a national picture of nursing workforce supply information for use in development of health care policy. Using the Forum's national Minimum Nurse Supply Dataset, the development of which was funded in part by the Center to Champion Nursing in America in 2009, NCSBN and the Forum will collaboratively gather and analyze the data, and publish a report slated for tentative release in early 2013.

To find opportunities to collaborate further and to ensure that we are all focusing on the same goals, our two organizations have also been in conversation with leaders from the new National Healthcare Workforce Data Center. We believe that stakeholders and decision makers need and deserve the most current and accurate data about the nursing workforce to inform their work at the state and the national levels.

If you have comments or questions, please contact us:

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