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IMPORTANT NOTICE

To: ABHES- Accredited Institutions and Programs
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Subject: Commissioner Terms of Office

Pursuant to its authority under Section 4.7 of the Bylaws, the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) has acted to extend the second term of a commissioner by one year in order to provide for continuity of the ABHES Commission. The section states:

Section 4.7. Term of Office. *Each commissioner shall be elected or appointed for a three-year term. New commissioners shall formally take office on July 1 following election or appointment. A commissioner may serve a second term consecutively, provided that he or she meets the applicable qualifications for the seat to which he or she is elected or appointed, as stated in Section 4.5.1 or Section 4.6.1 of these Bylaws. However, a commissioner may not serve more than two terms consecutively. For reason such as need for continuity, a term may be extended by a maximum of one year.*

Under ordinary circumstances, terms of office are alternated to assure that no more than approximately one third of seats will be occupied by a new commissioner (defined internally by ABHES as an individual serving less than two years). This alternating of term expirations allows for continuity in the interpretation and application of important policies, procedures and standards.