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Dear Dr. Mills:

The Substantive Change Review Committee (SCRC) of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) acted to approve the substantive change notification submitted on October 22, 2018 by the nursing unit at University of Maryland. The substantive change notification is in regards to the increase in the dual admissions memoranda of understanding from community colleges to offer additional pathways to the RN to BSN track in the BSN program, effective Fall 2018.

As a reminder, all programs are expected to comply with the CCNE standards and procedures that are in effect throughout the period of accreditation. This includes advising CCNE in the event of a substantive change affecting the nursing program. Substantive change notifications must be submitted to CCNE no earlier than 90 days prior to implementation or occurrence of the change, but no later than 90 days after implementation or occurrence of the change. These reporting requirements are described further in the *Procedures for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs* (2019), available at <https://www.aacnursing.org/Portals/42/CCNE/PDF/Procedures.pdf>.

CCNE apologizes for the delay in getting this action to you. Such a delay is unacceptable and is not consistent with CCNE practices. Over the past couple of years, CCNE has experienced a significant growth in the number of programs it accredits, and this has resulted in a heavier volume of substantive change notifications being submitted. I am pleased to share with you that additional staff have been hired to support the substantive change notification process and we have recently redesigned this process to prevent such lengthy delays from occurring in the future. We appreciate your patience.

Thank you for providing CCNE with the substantive change notification. Please do not hesitate to contact Lina Nandy, CCNE Associate Director, at 202-887-6791 x245 or [lnandytrullinger@ccneaccreditation.org](mailto:lnandytrullinger@ccneaccreditation.org) if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

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