SUBJECT: FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
Policy 940.15 – Institutional Nursing Incentive Program
Effective: November 20, 2009; Issued: November 24, 2009

I.   **Board Policy**

A. Statement of policy. This policy implements an institutional nursing incentive program administered by the board of regents through the office of the commissioner of higher education in accordance with § 20-26-1511, MCA, and this policy. The purpose of the program shall be the direct repayment of educational loans of eligible registered professional nurses working at the Montana state prison or the Montana state hospital.

II.   **Procedures**

A. Delegation of authority to commissioner. The board of regents hereby delegates to the commissioner of higher education specific authority for the administration of the institutional nursing incentive program, including authority to establish an efficient process for the receipt of applications for, and the awarding of, the incentives offered through the program. The commissioner shall have authority to determine the monetary amount of the incentives and make the payments. Incentive amounts are contingent upon state funding and are not guaranteed beyond the legislative appropriations for the program.

B. Interpretation. The commissioner of higher education shall administer the program in accordance with § 20-26-1511, MCA, and the funds appropriated, and shall have authority to use discretion in resolving issues and making reasonable interpretations relating to the program.

C. Appeals. Neither the determination of what is a loan for nursing education, the selection of recipients made under the program, nor the amount of any award is subject to appeal. The termination of an award, for reasons other than lack of funding, may be appealed to the commissioner of higher education. The commissioner's decision on such appeals shall be final.

History:

ITEM 145-102-R1109, as approved by the Board of Regents November 20, 2009.