

Digest for Adopted Regulation R_112-11

During the 2011 Legislative Session, the Nevada Legislature enacted Senate Bill No. 411 to provide for the certification by the State Board of Nursing of nursing assistants as medication aides - certified. (Ch. 255, Stats. 2011, at p. 1321) A medication aide - certified is a nursing assistant who is certified by the Board to administer authorized medications in designated facilities. (NRS 632.0165) **Section 3** of this regulation defines the term “designated facility.” **Section 18** of this regulation requires a designated facility to submit an application for approval of the Board before the facility may employ medication aides - certified and sets forth certain information that must be included in the application. **Section 18** further provides certain requirements concerning policies and procedures that must be developed by such a designated facility. **Section 19** of this regulation provides the review and approval process for an application submitted by a designated facility.

Sections 5-7 of this regulation provide the requirements for approving a training program for medication aides - certified. **Section 8** of this regulation specifies the training which must be provided by an approved program to trainees to become medication aides - certified. **Section 9** of this regulation requires that an approved program provide a minimum number of hours of instruction and provides specific requirements for the instruction and clinical experience. **Sections 10 and 11** of this regulation provide certain requirements concerning instructors of an approved program. **Section 13** of this regulation specifies certain responsibilities of the coordinator of an approved program. **Section 14** of this regulation provides for the safekeeping of the permanent records and reports of an approved program. **Section 15** of this regulation

requires any revision of an approved program to be approved by the Board. **Section 16** of this regulation provides for the annual review by the Board of an approved program and for the inspection of facilities used by such a program at least one time every 24 months or more frequently if necessary. **Section 17** of this regulation provides the manner in which the Board may withdraw approval of a program and the manner in which to appeal that decision of the Board.

Section 20 of this regulation specifies when a medication aide - certified may administer medication and provides certain circumstances under which the medication aide - certified is prohibited from administering medication or carrying out other related duties. **Section 20** further specifies that a medication aide - certified is required to follow the policies and procedures adopted by the designated facility to notify the supervising nurse when the medication aide - certified has reason to believe that he or she has made an error in the administration of medication.

Existing law provides for the Board to issue a license to practice nursing without an examination in certain circumstances. (NRS 632.160, 632.280) Existing regulations prescribe the requirements for obtaining a license to practice as a registered nurse without examination. (NAC 632.173) **Section 32** of this regulation revises those requirements to provide that if a person wishes to obtain a license by endorsement and the person has not practiced within the immediately preceding 5 years, but has passed an examination in another jurisdiction, the person must submit proof that he or she has either passed the National Council Licensure Examination within the immediately preceding 5 years or has successfully completed a review course approved by the Board within the immediately preceding 5 years.

Existing law authorizes the Board to establish and amend a schedule of fees and charges for certain items. (NRS 632.120, 632.345) Existing regulations prescribe the various fees charged by the Board. (NAC 632.190) **Section 34** of this regulation eliminates the fees for an application for a temporary license and for a duplicate license and certificate. **Section 34** also establishes the fee for certification of a medication aide - certified and the fee for the approval of training programs for medication aides - certified. **Section 34** also changes the fee for the survey and evaluation of a school of practical nursing, or a school and course of professional nursing, to \$150 per day, per consultant.

Existing regulations prescribe the requirements for the renewal of a certificate to practice as a nursing assistant, including submitting documentation of completion of 24 hours of continuing training in the previous 2 years. (NAC 632.193) **Section 36** of this regulation revises those provisions to: (1) include requirements for the renewal of a certificate to practice as a medication aide - certified; and (2) require a nursing assistant or medication aide - certified to attest to completion of continuing training.

Existing regulations provide that the Board will appoint certain committees to advise and report to the Board on certain matters relating to the practice of nursing in this State. (NAC 632.211) **Section 39** of this regulation eliminates certain committees and revises the subject matters and the membership of the committees.

Existing regulations require a school nurse to indicate in medication records each time that medication is administered to a pupil. (NAC 632.226) **Section 45** of this regulation instead requires either the school nurse or the person to whom the duty was delegated to indicate the administration of the medication in the record.

Existing regulations prescribe the conditions under which a course on intravenous therapy must be taught and the subjects and hours required for such a course. (NAC 632.470, 632.475) **Section 49** of this regulation revises those requirements to require the course to be taught by a registered nurse who has had recent clinical experience providing intravenous therapy or experience teaching such a course. **Section 50** of this regulation requires instruction in flushing and drawing blood from a peripherally inserted central catheter and increases the number of hours of instruction from 20 to 30 hours.

Existing regulations prescribe the qualifications, application procedure, approval and operation of programs of training for nurses. (NAC 632.600-632.711) **Section 52** of this regulation revises the statement of intent which must be included in the application to include a detailed schedule of the entire cost of enrollment in the program of nursing, evidence that a sufficient number of clinical placements are available, the plan for mentoring and development developed by the administrator of the program and a written plan describing how the program will ensure that the graduates of the program have a passage rate of not less than 80 percent on the national examination. (NAC 632.605) **Section 54** of this regulation requires the administrator of a program of nursing who does not have experience in the administration of a program to develop and complete a plan for his or her own mentoring and development. (NAC 632.660) **Section 57** of this regulation prohibits a program of nursing from using a standardized examination for determining the successful completion of the program. (NAC 632.685) **Section 59** of this regulation requires each member of the faculty of a program of nursing who conducts a portion of its program in this State to be licensed in this State. (NAC 632.703)

Existing regulations prescribe the acts which the Board considers unprofessional conduct. (NAC 632.890) **Section 60** of this regulation revises those acts to include medication aides - certified within certain acts and also to include the acts of committing an error in the administration or delivery of medication and failing to cooperate with an investigation of the Board.

Existing regulations provide that the Board will prescribe the period during which a licensee or holder of a certificate may not apply for the reissuance of a license or certificate that has been revoked. (NAC 632.929) **Section 62** of this regulation revises that period from not less than 1 year or more than 10 years to not less than 1 year or more than 20 years.