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TO: Facilities That Perform Podiatric Radiographs

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SUBJECT: OAR 333-106-0055 Subsections (1) and (4) Approved Operators for Radiographic Machines Used for Podiatric Imaging.

The Public Health Division, Radiation Protection Services (RPS), is releasing this informational bulletin to clarify rules related to approved operators for radiographic (X-ray) machines, operated in podiatric facilities.

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-106-0055(1) states "the registrant shall assure that individuals who will be operating the X-ray equipment by physically positioning patients, determining exposure parameters, or applying radiation for diagnostic purposes shall have adequate training in radiation safety."

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-106-0055(4) states "Diagnostic medical X-ray operators who meet the following requirements are considered to have met the requirements of section (1) of this rule":

- Holds a current license from Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI); or
- Holds a current limited x-ray machine operator permit from OBMI; or
- Is currently a student from an approved school of Radiologic Technology and is currently under direct supervision of a currently Oregon licensed radiologist or an OBMI licensed radiologic technologist; or
- Is currently a student in an OBMI approved limited operator permit program under direct supervision of a licensed OBMI radiologic technologist.

OBMI also has additional rules governing the use and operation of podiatric X-ray machines. They can be contacted at info@obmi.or.gov.

Any violation of RPS and OBMI regulations may result in significant civil penalties for both the facility and the operator.

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