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RULE SUMMARY: Amend OAR 333-275-0060

Permanently changes the number of continuing education hours required for a hemodialysis technician to be eligible to recertify. The rule is retroactive to July 1, 2023.

CHANGES TO RULE:

333-275-0060

Hemodialysis Technician Certification Renewal ¶

- (1) An applicant for a renewal certificate must: \P
- (a) Submit a completed application prescribed by the $\frac{\text{Authority}}{\text{Oregon Health Authority}}$ along with the required fee specified in OAR 333-275-0180; \P
- (b) Consent to a criminal records check in accordance with ORS 181A.195, ORS 181A.200 and OAR chapter 125, division 7 or a fingerprint-based check if determined necessary by the Authority; and \P
- (c) Provide documentation of current national certification; or ¶
- (d) Provide proof of employment and continuing education as follows: ¶
- (A) Required work hours prorated by certification date and expiration:
- (i) 19-24 months = 1,000 hours;¶
- (ii) 13-18 months = 750 hours; ¶
- (iii) 7-12 months = 500 hours;¶
- (iv) 1-6 months = 250 hours.¶
- (B) Required continuing education hours prorated by certification date and expiration:
- (i) $19-24 \text{ months} = \frac{1,002}{20} \text{ hours}$;
- (ii) 13-18 months = 75015 hours;¶
- (iii) 7-12 months = 5010 hours;¶
- (iv) 1-6 months = $\frac{2505}{1}$ hours. ¶
- (2) Application for renewal must be postmarked before midnight on May 31 of the renewal year. ¶
- (3) A hemodialysis technician's certificate shall automatically lapse if the <u>certified hemodialysis technican (CHDT)</u> fails to submit a complete application, required fee, and documentation in section (1) of this rule by the

appropriate renewal date and an individual who fails to renew by this deadline is considered delinquent. ¶

- (4)(a) The Authority may reinstate a certificate that is expired for less than 90 calendar days upon submission of the documents in section (1) of this rule including the delinquent fee. \P
- (b) A CHDT who submits an application for renewal more than 90 calendar days after expiration but within 12 months of expiration must: ¶
- (A) Comply with subsections (1)(a) and (1)(b) of this rule and submit the delinquent fee; and \(\bar{1} \)
- (B) Complete an abbreviated hemodialysis technician training program and provide evidence of completion to the Authority; or¶
- (C) Provide proof of current licensure or certification in another state or provide evidence of current national certification. ¶
- (c) A CHDT who submits an application for renewal 12 months or more after expiration must submit an initial application for certification pursuant to OAR 333-275-0030. ¶
- (5) If a CHDT has been on active military duty for more than six months of a certification renewal period which prevented the CHDT from accessing continuing education or obtaining employment hours, the Authority may approve the certificate renewal.¶
- (a) Documentation of active military duty status must be provided to the Authority prior to the Authority approving the certificate renewal. \P
- (b) The CHDT shall have 90 calendar days to complete any remaining continuing education hours. ¶
- (c) If the CHDT does not complete the requirements in subsection (5)(b) of this rule within 90 calendar days, the Authority may revoke the certificate in accordance with OAR 333-275-0150. \P
- (6) The continuing education specified in paragraph (1)(d)(B) of this rule must be relevant to dialysis care and the Authority shall determine the appropriateness of the continuing education. For purposes of continuing education requirements, hour for hour credit shall be granted for:¶
- (a) Attending training seminars, educational conferences, and continuing education classes within the CHDT's scope of practice;¶
- (b) Attending a live webinar, or interactive online course relevant to dialysis care. For purposes of this rule, a webinar or interactive online course must have the ability to give, receive, and discuss information in real time; or ¶
- (c) Online continuing education that provides a certificate of completion and is approved by a national certifying organization specified in OAR 333-275-0020.¶
- (7) It is the responsibility of the CHDT to ensure the continuing education hours obtained meet the requirements in subsections (6)(a) through (c) of this rule. \P
- (8) A CHDT is responsible for retaining verifiable and accurate records, and submitting documentation at time of renewal, that show: ¶
- (a) Successful completion of continuing education hours; and ¶
- (b) The number of hours worked as a CHDT which must be verified by the owner, administrator, or supervising manager of a dialysis facility or center. ¶
- (c) Pay stubs that reflect the number of hours worked during the renewal time period may be submitted in lieu of the documentation required under subsection (8)(b) of this rule. \P
- (9) Acceptable records that show proof of successful completion of continuing education include, but are not limited to:¶
- (a) Course roster;¶
- (b) Certificate of course completion; or ¶
- (c) Computer generated printout history of the CHDT's continuing education record. The agency responsible for the printout must verify the accuracy of the record by memo or signature. \P
- (10) The documents specified in section (9) of this rule must include the following information:
- (a) The full name of the CHDT attending the course or for which the computer-generated history applies;¶
- (b) The name of the institution hosting or conducting the course;¶
- (c) The course topic;¶
- (d) The date(s) of the course(s); and ¶
- (e) The length of each course.¶
- (11) The provisions of this rule apply retroactively to July 1, 2023.¶

NOTE: Documents referred to in this rule are available at: healthoregon.org/hflc

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 688.650, 688.665 Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 688.640, 688.650