SUBCHAPTER 13O - HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL REGISTRY

SECTION .1000 - HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL REGISTRY

10A NCAC 13O .0101 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply throughout this Subchapter:

- (1) "Abuse" is defined by 42 CFR Part 488 Subpart E which is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments. Copies of the Code of Federal Regulations may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington D.C. 20402.
- (2) "Diversion of drugs" means the unauthorized taking or use of any drug.
- "Drug" means any chemical compound that may be used on or administered to humans or animals as an aid in the diagnosis, treatment or prevention of disease or other condition or for the relief of pain or suffering or to control or improve any physiological pathologic condition.
- "Finding" (when used in conjunction with the Health Care Personnel Registry) means a determination by the Department that an allegation of resident abuse or neglect, misappropriation of resident or health care facility property, diversion of drugs belonging to a resident or health care facility, and fraud against a resident or health care facility has been substantiated.
- (5) "Fraud" means an intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person with the knowledge that the deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to himself or some other person. It includes any act that constitutes fraud under applicable Federal or State Law.
- (6) "Health Care Facility" means all the facilities and agencies as defined in G.S. 131E-256(b).
- (7) "Health Care Personnel" means all the persons as defined in G.S. 131E-256(c).
- (8) "Misappropriation of resident property" is defined by 42 CFR Part 488 Subpart E which is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments. Copies of the Code of Federal Regulations may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington D.C. 20402.
- (9) "Misappropriation of the property of a health care facility" means the deliberate misplacement, exploitation, or wrongful, temporary or permanent use of a health care facility's property without the facility's consent.
- "Neglect" is defined by 42 CFR Part 488 Subpart E which is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments. Copies of the Code of Federal Regulations may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington D.C. 20402.
- "Resident" means all the individuals residing in or being served by a health care facility as defined in G.S. 131E-256(b).

History Note:

Authority G.S. 131E-256; 42 U.S.C. 1395; 42 U.S.C. 1396;

Temporary Adoption Eff. December 20, 1996;

Eff. August 1, 1998.

10A NCAC 13O .0102 INVESTIGATING AND REPORTING HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

The reporting by health care facilities to the Department of all allegations against health care personnel as defined in G.S. 131E-256 (a)(1), including injuries of unknown source, shall be done within 24 hours of the health care facility becoming aware of the allegation. The results of the health care facility's investigation shall be submitted to the Department in accordance with G.S. 131E-256(g).

History Note:

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SECTION .0200 - MEDICATION AIDE REGISTRY

10A NCAC 13O .0201 MEDICATION AIDE COMPETENCY EVALUATION

(a) A competency evaluation candidate shall be advised by the Department after successful completion of a North Carolina Board of Nursing approved medication aide training program and prior to the competency exam that upon successful completion of the competency exam the individual will be listed on the State's medication aide registry.

- (b) The competency exam shall include each course requirement specified in the North Carolina Board of Nursing's approved training program as provided for in 21 NCAC 36 .0403 and 21 NCAC 36 .0406.
- (c) The competency examination shall be administered and evaluated only by the Department or its agent.
- (d) A record of successful completion of the competency exam shall be included in the medication aide registry within 30 business days of successful completion of the evaluation.
- (e) If the competency exam candidate does not satisfactorily complete the exam, the candidate shall be advised by the Department of the areas which the individual did not pass.
- (f) Every competency exam candidate shall have the opportunity to take the exam three times before being required to retake and successfully complete the Medication Aide training program.

History Note:

Authority G.S. 131E-114.2(b); 131E-270;

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10A NCAC 13O .0202 REGISTRY OF MEDICATION AIDES

- (a) Prior to assigning medication aide duties to a Medication Aide, pursuant to G.S. 131E-114.2, the facility shall conduct a clinical skills validation for those medication administration tasks to be performed in the facility. This validation shall be conducted by a registered nurse consistent with his/her occupational licensing law and who has a current unencumbered license to practice in North Carolina. A record of this validation shall be retained in the Medication Aide's file.
- (b) The Department shall provide information on the registry within one business day of the request for information.
- (c) The medication aide listing on the Medication Aide Registry shall be renewed every two years provided the individual has worked for a minimum of eight hours as a Medication Aide in each consecutive 24 month period following their initial listing.
- (d) The registry shall contain the following information for each individual who is listed on the Medication Aide Registry:
 - (1) the individual's full name;
 - (2) the date the individual became eligible for placement on the registry;
 - (3) the training program and competency exam completed; and
 - (4) the date of listing renewal and expiration.
- (e) The Medication Aide Registry shall remove entries for individuals who have not been employed as a medication aide for a minimum of eight hours in each consecutive 24 month period following initial listing.
- (f) An individual who gains or attempts to gain registry listing by providing false or misleading information on listing or re-listing applications shall not be listed on the registry.

History Note:

Authority G.S. 131E-114.2(b); 131E-270;

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