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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING STATE WAIVER IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE CERTIFIED MEDICATION TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM

Background:

On April 9, 2020, Department of Health and Senior Services Director, Dr. Randall W Williams, MD, FACOG, signed an Executive Order to temporarily waive or suspend certain statutory requirements and administrative rules pertaining to the Certified Medication Technician Training Program. The complete order may be viewed on the Departments website: www.health.mo.gov

Effective April 9, 2020 and until May 15, 2020, unless otherwise modified by the Department, the following regulations have been modified and guidance is being provided on how DHSS- Health Education Unit will implement the Certified Medication Technician (CMT) Training Program waivers.

When submitting documentation to the Health Education Unit, please indicate on the bottom of the Appendix C form "waiver due to COVID-19" when requesting to utilize these waivers for certification. Additionally, HEU has included the option to check a box for "COVID-19" when ordering test packets to alert HEU staff to check the Appendix C form. Please direct questions regarding waivers and the CMT certification process to the Health Education Unit at: CNARegistry@health.mo.gov

Specific regulations waived and implementation guidance

Regulation 19 CSR 30-84.020(5) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require clinical practice, a final written examination and a minimum two (2) hour final practicum examination to be conducted in a licensed intermediate care facility or skilled nursing facility. This waiver shall allow clinical practice, the final written examination and a minimum two (2) hour final practicum examination to be conducted in a laboratory setting rather than in a licensed intermediate care facility or skilled nursing facility.

HEU note: Simulations may be completed utilizing actors or mannequins.

Regulation 19 CSR 30-84.020(6)(B) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require students who drop the certified medication training course due to illness or incapacity to have to reenroll within six (6) months from the date the student withdrew from the course. This waiver allows an additional two (2) months after the state of emergency has ended for a student who drops the certified medication training course due to illness or incapacity the ability to reenroll.

Regulation 19 CSR 30-84.020(7)(A) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require the challenge approval letters to be valid for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the department's approval. This waiver

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allows an additional two (2) months after the state of emergency has ended for the challenge approval letters to be valid.

Regulation 19 CSR 30-84.020(7)(B) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require an individual who has successfully completed a professional or practical nursing program and who has not yet taken or received the results of the state licensure examination to have to request a qualifying letter from the Department's Health Education Unit in order to allow the individual to administer medication in a long term care facility. This waiver shall allow an individual who has successfully completed a professional or practical nursing program who has not yet taken or received the results of the state licensure examination the ability to administer medications without requesting and receiving a qualifying letter from the Department. The facility shall maintain documentation that the individual successfully completed a professional or practical nursing program. **HEU Note: Long-term care facilities are required to maintain a safe and effective system of medication administration. Any long-term care facility-utilizing individuals to pass medications under this waiver shall have a system in place to determine competency of the individual passing medications and maintain the appropriate documentation in the facility's records. Documentation shall be maintained in accordance with state regulations.**

Regulation 19 CSR 30-84.020(7)(C) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require an individual to not administer medications without the instructor present until the individual has successfully completed the challenge examination and holds an authorized signed certified course evaluation record. This waiver allows individuals who have successfully completed the challenge examination and who hold an authorized CMT Course Evaluation Record to administer medications without an instructor present. **HEU Note: Long-term care facilities are required to maintain the Course Evaluation Record in the facility's records. Documentation shall be maintained in accordance with state regulations.**

Regulation 19 CSR 30-84.020(7)(C) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require an authorized signed certified medication technician course evaluation record to be good for up to sixty (60) calendar days from the examination date pending receipt of the certificate or of listing on the Missouri certified nurse aide registry as an active certified medication technician. This waiver allows the authorized signed certified medication technician course evaluation record to be valid an additional two (2) months after the state of emergency has ended.

Regulation 19 CSR 30-84.020(9)(B) shall be waived to the extent necessary to allow classroom training via webinar or other online instructional platform. **HEU note: Instructors are responsible for the review of the webinar and online content to ensure it meets the educational needs of students.**

Regulation 19 CSR 30-84.020(10)(D) shall be waived to the extent the provisions require the practicum examination to include preparing and administering all non-parenteral routes and documenting administration of medication to residents. This waiver shall allow the practicum examination to occur in a laboratory setting with an actor in place rather than with a long-term care resident. **HEU note: Simulations may be completed utilizing actors or mannequins.**

Regulation 19 CSR 30-84.020(10)(F) shall be waived to the extent the provisions only allow a challenge examination to be taken one (1) time. This waiver shall allow a student to retake the challenge examination twice within one hundred eighty (180) days.