

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Article 50.—Unlicensed Employees in Adult Care Homes

26-50-40. Medication aide; continuing education course.

(a) A 10-hour continuing education course shall be approved by the secretary for renewal or reinstatement of certification as a medication aide, as specified in K.A.R. 26-50-38.

(b) The continuing education course requirement shall include one or more of the following topics:

- (1) Classes of drugs and new drugs;
- (2) new uses of existing drugs;
- (3) methods of administering medications;
- (4) alternative treatments, including herbal drugs and their potential interaction with traditional drugs;
- (5) safety in the administration of medications; or
- (6) documentation.

(c) Each continuing education program shall be sponsored by one of the following:

- (1) A postsecondary school under the jurisdiction of the state board of regents;
- (2) an adult care home;
- (3) a long-term care unit of a hospital;
- (4) a state-operated institution for persons with intellectual disability; or
- (5) a professional health care association approved by the secretary.

(d) Each instructor of the medication aide continuing education course shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be licensed to practice as an RN and have no pending or current disciplinary actions against that individual's license;
- (2) have at least two years of clinical experience as a licensed nurse. Any pharmacist licensed in Kansas and actively working in the pharmacy field may conduct part of the training under the supervision of an approved instructor; and

(3) submit a completed instructor approval application to the department at least three weeks before first offering a medication aide continuing education course and obtain approval from the secretary before the beginning date of that course.

(e) Each instructor and course sponsor shall ensure that the following requirements are met:

(1) A course approval application form shall be submitted to the department at least three weeks before offering a course, and course approval shall be received from the secretary before the beginning date of the course.

(2) The course shall be prepared and administered in accordance with "Kansas certified medication aide curriculum" and the "Kansas certified medication aide course instruction manual," as adopted by reference in K.A.R. 26-50-12.

(3) If clinical instruction and skills performance in administering medication are included in the course, each student administering medication shall be under the direct supervision of the instructor.

(4) A listing of the name of each person who successfully completed the course, along with each person's nonrefundable renewal fee of \$20.00 and application form, shall be submitted to the department.

(f) Any course sponsor or instructor who does not fulfill the requirements specified in subsections (a) through (e) may be subject to withdrawal of approval to serve as a course sponsor or an instructor.

(g) College courses and vocational training may be approved by the secretary as substantially equivalent to a medication aide continuing education course. The instructor or nursing program coordinator shall submit a department-approved form attesting that the course content is substantially equivalent to the topics listed in paragraphs (b)(1) through (6).

(h) No correspondence course shall be approved for a medication aide continuing education course.

(i) Each distance-learning educational offering and each computer-based educational offering of continuing education for any medication aide shall meet the requirements in subsections (a) through (f).

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