

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 39.—Licensure of Adult Care Homes

28-39-169c. Medication aide continuing education.

(a) Each person who has a certificate of completion for a medication aide training course as specified in K.A.R. 28-39-169a and who wishes to maintain the certificate shall complete, every two years, a program of 10 hours of continuing education approved by the secretary.

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

- (1) Classes of drugs and new drugs;
- (2) new uses of 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 program of continuing education 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 the mentally retarded; or
- (5) a professional health care association approved by the secretary.

(d) Each course instructor shall be a registered nurse with a current Kansas license and two years of clinical experience as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse. Any Kansas-licensed pharmacist actively working in the pharmacy field may be selected to conduct part of the training under the supervision of the instructor.

(e) Each person who intends to be a course instructor shall submit an instructor approval application form to the secretary at least three weeks before offering an initial

course and shall be required to receive approval as an instructor before the first day of an initial course.

(f) Each sponsor and course instructor of continuing education shall be responsible for ensuring that the following requirements are met:

(1) The course shall be prepared and administered as prescribed by regulation and the "Kansas certified medication aide sponsor and instructor manual," as adopted in K.A.R. 28-39-169a.

(2) A course approval application form shall be submitted to the secretary at least three weeks before offering a course, and course approval shall be required to be received before beginning the course.

(3) A course roster of names, a renewal application form, and a nonrefundable renewal application fee of \$20.00 for each medication aide who has completed the course shall be submitted to the secretary.

(4) If clinical instruction in administering medications is included in the program, each student administering medications shall be under the direct supervision of the registered nurse instructor.

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

(h) College credits or vocational training may be approved by the secretary as substantially equivalent to medication aide continuing education. 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).

(i) Each certified medication aide shall be responsible for notifying the secretary of any change in the aide's address or name.

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

(k) Distance-learning educational offerings and computer-based educational offerings shall meet the requirements specified in subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g).

(l) Each medication aide certificate shall be renewed upon the department's receipt from the course instructor of the following:

(1) Verification of the applicant's completion of 10 hours of approved continuing education;

(2) a renewal application form; and

(3) a nonrefundable renewal application fee of \$20.00.

(m) Each medication aide certificate or renewed certificate shall be valid for two years from the date of issue.

(n) Each applicant for renewal of certification shall have completed the required number of hours of documented and approved continuing education during each certification period immediately preceding renewal of the certificate. Approved continuing education hours completed in excess of the requirement shall not be carried over to a subsequent renewal period.

(o) Each medication aide certificate that has been expired for three or fewer years shall be reinstated upon the department's receipt of the following:

(1) Verification of the applicant's completion of 10 hours of approved continuing education. This continuing education shall have been completed within the three-year period following expiration of the certification;

(2) a renewal application form; and

(3) a nonrefundable renewal application fee of \$20.00.

(p) Each lapsed certificate renewed within the three-year period specified in subsection (o) shall be valid for two years from the date of issuance.

(q) Each person whose medication aide certification has been expired for more than three years shall be required to retake the 75-hour medication aide course.

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