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Medical Assistant Rules Workshop
November 26, 2012

Goals of Workshop:

- Present and discuss draft rules
- Get information from interested parties

Keep in Mind:

- Document is a DRAFT—they are not proposed or final rules
- DOH can only write rules pursuant to authority given by ESSB 6237 and RCW 18.360

Estimated Timeline of Rulemaking Process

- February 2013 – Notice to the public of proposed rules (CR-102)
- March – Hearing
- March/April – Draft official notice that DOH is adopting rules (CR-103)
- May/June 2013 – Notice to the public of adoption of rules
- July 1, 2013 – Rules effective

Definitions

- Direct visual supervision
- Health care facility
- Health care practitioner
- Hemodialysis technician
- Immediate supervision
- Immediately available
- Medical assistant
- Medical assistant-certified
- Medical assistant-registered
- Phlebotomist
- Secretary

General Applicability

- Credential Required to practice as a medical assistant in Washington state
 - Defines “practice as a medical assistant”
 - Defines “direct patient care”
- Delegation defined
- General standards applicable to all categories of MAs
- US armed forces equivalency

Medical assistant-certified

- Certification Requirements
 - Complete MA training program
 - 4 proposed options
 - Pass an exam
 - 4 proposed exams
 - Complete application
 - Interim certification requirements

Medical assistant-certified (cont'd)

- Medication administration and injection
 - Requirements
 - Limitations



Medical assistant-registered

- Registration requirements
- Endorsement
- Credential termination
- Vaccination limitation

Phlebotomist

- Certification requirements
 - Two options
- Application requirements
- Line draw limitation
- Requirements to perform arterial invasive procedures



Hemodialysis technician

- Certification requirements
 - Training program
- Application requirements
- Practice of hemodialysis
- Drug administration limitation



Renewal

- Expired credential
- Inactive status
- Retired volunteer medical worker credential

HCA TO MA TRANSITION

Current HCA Designation	MA Credential Transitioned To
Any combination of category C, D, E, or F	MA-Certified
Any combination of category A or B	MA-Phlebotomist
Category G	MA-Hemodialysis technician
Any combination of category C, D, E, or F AND A	MA-Certified
Any combination of category C, D, E, or F AND G	MA-Certified AND MA-Hemodialysis technician
Any combination of category C, D, E, or F AND B	MA-Certified AND MA-Phlebotomist
Any combination of category C, D, E, or F AND A AND G	MA-Certified AND MA-Hemodialysis technician
Any combination of category A or B AND G	MA-Phlebotomy AND MA-Hemodialysis technician



Next steps

- DOH will accept comments on these *draft* rules from stakeholders through December 10, 2012
- DOH will draft a formal rules document with consideration of comments
 - Please submit comments to our medical assistant email box
 - Please visit our medical assistant and rule making web pages for more information

Public Comment



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