

REFERENCE TITLE: nursing care institutions; medical directors

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Introduced by
Representative Longdon

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-447.03; RELATING TO NURSING CARE INSTITUTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 4, article 7, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-447.03, to read:
4 36-447.03. Medical directors; certification requirements
5 A. A MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF A NURSING CARE INSTITUTION SHALL BE
6 CERTIFIED AS A MEDICAL DIRECTOR BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF POST-ACUTE AND
7 LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE OR AN EQUIVALENT ORGANIZATION AS SPECIFIED BY THE
8 DEPARTMENT. IF A NURSING CARE INSTITUTION HIRES OR CONTRACTS WITH A
9 MEDICAL DIRECTOR WHO IS NOT A CERTIFIED MEDICAL DIRECTOR, THE MEDICAL
10 DIRECTOR SHALL BECOME CERTIFIED WITHIN FIVE YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE
11 CONTRACT OR INITIAL HIRE.
12 B. A MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF A NURSING CARE INSTITUTION WHO IS EMPLOYED
13 OR CONTRACTED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023 MUST BECOME A CERTIFIED MEDICAL
14 DIRECTOR AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE JANUARY
15 1, 2028.
16 C. A NURSING CARE INSTITUTION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE
17 DEPARTMENT ON THE INITIAL HIRE OF OR CONTRACT WITH A MEDICAL DIRECTOR ALL
18 OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
19 1. THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S RESUME.
20 2. THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATION STATUS.
21 3. IF NOT YET CERTIFIED AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS
22 SECTION, THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S EXPECTED DATE OF CERTIFICATION.
23 D. A NURSING CARE INSTITUTION SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY
24 CHANGES IN ITS MEDICAL DIRECTOR WITHIN TEN CALENDAR DAYS OF THE CHANGE AND
25 SHALL SUBMIT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION FOR
26 THE NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR.
27 E. ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2023, ALL NURSING CARE INSTITUTIONS
28 SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT THE RESUME AND PROOF OF CERTIFICATION OR
29 PROGRESS TOWARD CERTIFICATION OF THE NURSING CARE INSTITUTION'S MEDICAL
30 DIRECTOR.