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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 required;
5 notification
6 A. A MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF A NURSING CARE INSTITUTION SHALL BE
7 CERTIFIED AS A MEDICAL DIRECTOR BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF POST-ACUTE AND
8 LONG-TERM CARE MEDICINE OR AN EQUIVALENT ORGANIZATION AS SPECIFIED BY THE
9 DEPARTMENT. IF A NURSING CARE INSTITUTION HIRES OR CONTRACTS WITH A
10 MEDICAL DIRECTOR WHO IS NOT A CERTIFIED MEDICAL DIRECTOR, THE MEDICAL
11 DIRECTOR SHALL BECOME CERTIFIED WITHIN FIVE YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE
12 CONTRACT OR INITIAL HIRE.
13 B. A MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF A NURSING CARE INSTITUTION WHO IS EMPLOYED
14 OR CONTRACTED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024 MUST BECOME A CERTIFIED MEDICAL
15 DIRECTOR AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE JANUARY
16 1, 2029.
17 C. A NURSING CARE INSTITUTION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE
18 DEPARTMENT ON THE INITIAL HIRE OF OR CONTRACT WITH A MEDICAL DIRECTOR ALL
19 OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
20 1. THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S RESUME.
21 2. THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S CERTIFICATION STATUS.
22 3. IF NOT YET CERTIFIED AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS
23 SECTION, THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S EXPECTED DATE OF CERTIFICATION.
24 D. A NURSING CARE INSTITUTION SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY
25 CHANGES IN ITS MEDICAL DIRECTOR WITHIN TEN CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE CHANGE
26 AND SHALL SUBMIT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION
27 FOR THE NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR.
28 E. ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2024, ALL NURSING CARE INSTITUTIONS
29 SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT THE RESUME AND PROOF OF CERTIFICATION OR
30 PROGRESS TOWARD CERTIFICATION OF THE NURSING CARE INSTITUTION'S MEDICAL
31 DIRECTOR.