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RE: Renewing medication administration certificates

By Claudia Rode, RN, Director of Nursing Services, edited by Linda Smith

The certification is good for one year from the date MR/DD personnel are certified as completing all training requirements.

Every year thereafter, including the first year of certification, MR/DD personnel must obtain 2-hours of approved continuing education by the anniversary date of their certification to maintain certification. This continuing education can occur any time after the first 6 months

Should MR/DD personnel not maintain their certification for lack of obtaining continuing education training, the certification will be suspended, along with their ability to administer medications and perform health related activities for up to 60 days to enable MR/DD personnel to obtain the required continuing education (CE).

If the MR/DD personnel fail to obtain the required CE within 60 days, they are required to start all over and repeat the 14 hour course.

As an example a certification date of June 29 2006 to June 29 2007 is expired on June 30, 2007. This individual can not administer medications past June 29. They have from June 30-Aug 28 to take the 2 hr required course however during this 60 day period their certificate is suspended. On August 29 if they have not taken the required course, their certification is revoked and they must repeat the class in it's entirety.

These rules are the same for Certification 2 and 3 except only a 1 hr continuing education course is required..

I recommend that the Medication Administration training be scheduled at least 2-3 months in advance of the expiration date. This allows for situations that occur causing an employee to have to cancel and they can still come to a later class without running out of time.

If there are any questions regarding this process please call

(419-302-8030) or email me at crode@crsi-oh.com.

