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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Bernard J. Sadusky, Ed.D. BJS

DATE: October 25, 2011

SUBJECT: COMAR 13A.12.03, Specialists
(AMEND)
APPROVAL

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to request approval of Level 1, non-substantive changes to the regulations in COMAR 13A.12.03, Specialists.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At its May 5, 2011 meeting, the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB) reviewed non-substantive, proposed changes to COMAR 13A.12.03, Specialists. These proposed changes included: correcting a citation in COMAR 13A.12.03.03, Library Media Specialist; removing the sunset clause from COMAR 13A.12.03.11, School Social Worker; and changing the name of the certification area in COMAR 13A.12.03.02, Guidance Counselor to School Counselor.

At your June 21-22, 2011 meeting, you granted permission to publish without convening a Joint Conference Committee. The proposed changes were published in the *Maryland Register* on August 12, 2011. No comments were submitted. These changes have no economic impact, nor is there any impact on individuals with disabilities. There is no corresponding federal standard for this proposed action.

SUMMARY:

The proposed, non-substantive changes to COMAR 13A.12.3, Specialists, correct an error in a citation, reflect a name change in a certification area, and remove language which is no longer applicable.

ACTION:

I am requesting approval of the proposed changes to COMAR 13A.12.03, Specialists.

BJS:jes

Attachment

(b) Delays in delivery of care;
(c) Missed doses;
(d) Patient infections;
(e) Failures in after-hours care; and
(f) Patient, caregiver, or health care provider complaints;
(8) Documentation of patient outcomes;
(9) Recall management;
(10) Patient compliance monitoring; and
(11) Staff training and competency compliance.

B. The permit holder shall review the performance improvement program at a minimum of every 3 years.

.09 Discontinuation of Infusion Therapy.

A. If not addressed in the initial order, the infusion pharmacy shall verify an end of therapy order.

B. The infusion pharmacist shall:

(1) Communicate with the licensed authorized prescriber of record or agent of the prescriber of record to verify:

(a) An end of therapy order, if not addressed in the initial order; and

(b) Parenteral infusion access device disposition, including orders for removal or line maintenance; and

(2) Forward the most current medication list to:

(a) The licensed authorized prescriber of record; and

(b) To the patient or caregiver.

C. If appropriate, the infusion pharmacy shall arrange with the patient or caregiver for pick-up of medical equipment.

.10 Reference Materials.

A. An infusion pharmacy shall maintain an adequate reference library to enable it to prepare and dispense infusion therapy properly.

B. In addition to the requirements of COMAR 10.34.07.03, an infusion pharmacy's reference library shall include:

(1) Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs);

(2) IV compatibility references;

(3) Stability and extended stability references;

(4) Websites and electronic references authored by established medical publishers recognized within the field of infusion pharmacy practice as a supplement to its printed library;

(5) Pediatric dosing reference, if applicable; and

(6) Appropriate clinical references for the population served.

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Title 13A
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subtitle 12 CERTIFICATION

13A.12.03 Specialists

Authority: Education Article, §§2-205, 2-303(g), 6-101—6-104, and 6-701—6-706; Health Occupations Article, §2-301; Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[11-214-P]

The Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board proposes to amend Regulations **.02, .03,** and **.11** under **COMAR 13A.12.03 Specialists**. This action was considered at the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board meeting on May 5, 2011.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to correct an error in a citation, reflect a name change in a certification area, and remove language which is no longer applicable.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Jean Satterfield, Assistant State Superintendent, Certification and Accreditation, Maryland State Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-0385 TTY: 410-333-6442, or email to jsatterfield@msde.state.md.us, or fax to 410-333-8963. Comments will be accepted through September 12, 2011. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Open Meeting

Final action on the proposal will be considered by the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board during a public meeting to be held on November 3, 2011, at 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

.02 [Guidance] *School* Counselor.

The requirements for certification as a [guidance] *school* counselor are:

A. — D. (text unchanged)

.03 Library Media Specialist.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Education and Experience.

(1) — (2) (text unchanged)

(3) Option II.

(a) — (c) (text unchanged)

(d) The total number of post-baccalaureate credits needed for certification will not be reduced for course requirements that are met in the applicant's bachelor's degree program. Additional post-baccalaureate or graduate courses may be substituted if some of the course work described in [§B(2)(b)] *§B(3)(b)* of this regulation has been acquired as a part of the undergraduate degree program.

(e) (text unchanged)

C. (text unchanged)

.11 School Social Worker.

[A.] To obtain certification as a school social worker, the applicant shall be licensed by the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners as a:

[(1)] *A.*—[(3)] *C.* (text unchanged)

[B. On or after December 1, 2008, but not later than March 31, 2009, the Maryland State Board of Education shall initiate a review to consider amending this regulation to include additional criteria to obtain certification as a school social worker, if such criteria are considered appropriate.]

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