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SYNOPSIS

Requires infection control training for nursing home and assisted living administrator licensure and certification.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

AN ACT requiring infection control training for nursing home and assisted living administrators and supplementing Title 26 and Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. a. Each applicant for a nursing home administrator license shall complete course work or training, approved by the Department of Health, regarding infection control protocols and shall submit documentation of course completion to the Department of Health, in a manner determined by the Commissioner of Health.

b. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the Nursing Home Administrator's Licensing Board, shall determine the curriculum regarding infection control protocols for nursing home administrators and develop or identify an acceptable training program to fulfill the requirements of subsection a. of this section. The curriculum, at a minimum, shall cover infection control topics that include:

(1) hand hygiene;

(2) proper use of personal protective equipment;

(3) screening and disease surveillance;

(4) environmental cleanliness;

(5) cohorting; and

(6) safe admissions and transfers.

c. The Department of Health shall require, as a condition of license renewal, each nursing home administrator licensee to complete continuing education credit hours that include infection control concepts and related topics, as specified by the Department of Health and the Nursing Home Administrator's Licensing Board.

2. a. Each applicant for an assisted living administrator certification shall complete course work or training, approved by the Department of Health, regarding infection control protocols and shall submit documentation of course completion to the Department of Health, in a manner determined by the Commissioner of Health.

b. The Commissioner of Health shall determine the curriculum regarding infection control protocols for assisted living administrators and develop or identify an acceptable training program to fulfill the requirements of subsection a. of this section. The curriculum, at a minimum, shall cover infection control topics that include:

(1) hand hygiene;

(2) proper use of personal protective equipment;

(3) screening and disease surveillance;

(4) environmental cleanliness;

(5) cohorting; and

(6) safe admissions and transfers.

c. The Department of Health shall require, as a condition of certificate renewal, each certified assisted living administrator to complete continuing education credit hours that include infection control concepts and related topics, as specified by the Department of Health.

3. The Commissioner of Health, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this act.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill requires each applicant for a nursing home administrator license or assisted living administrator certification to complete course work or training, approved by the Department of Health, regarding infection control protocols. Applicants will be required to submit documentation of course completion to the Department of Health, in a manner determined by the Commissioner of Health.

The bill requires the Commissioner of Health to determine the curriculum regarding infection control protocols. The Commissioner of Health will consult with the Nursing Home Administrator's Licensing Board when determining the curriculum for nursing home administrators. The curriculum for nursing home and assisted living administrators, at a minimum, will cover infection control topics that include: hand hygiene; proper use of personal protective equipment; screening and disease surveillance; environmental cleanliness; cohorting; and safe admissions and transfers.

The bill also requires each nursing home administrator and assisted living administrator to complete administrator to complete continuing education credit hours that include infection control concepts and related topics, as a condition for license and certification renewal.