
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSE AIDES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 346-46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§346-46 Certified nurse aides; training programs and
4 recertification. The director shall:

5 (1) Approve training programs for nurse aides and ensure
6 that the training programs comply with all applicable
7 federal and state requirements;

8 (2) Approve and arrange for the recertification process
9 for nurse aides who work in medicare or medicaid
10 certified nursing facilities;

11 (3) Approve and arrange for the recertification process
12 for nurse aides who work in state-licensed or state-
13 certified health care settings; and

14 (4) Require recertification not less than every two years.

15 The number of continuing education hours required for
16 recertification shall not exceed twenty-four hours,

17 except as specified by federal law[-]; provided that

18 the competency evaluation required pursuant to section



1 457A-7 and 457A-8 shall be included as continuing
2 education hours and maintenance requirements."

3 SECTION 2. Section 457A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

5 "(c) The director of human services shall implement this
6 chapter in accordance with 42 United States Code Sections 1395i-3
7 and 1396r, that relate to:

8 (1) Training programs for nurse aides and recertification;
9 provided that recertification shall be required not
10 less than every two years and the number of continuing
11 education hours required for recertification shall not
12 exceed twenty-four hours, except as specified by
13 federal law; provided further that the competency
14 evaluation required pursuant to section 457A-8 shall
15 be included as continuing education hours; and

16 (2) Disciplining of certified nurse aides employed in
17 health care settings licensed or certified by the
18 department of human services."

19 SECTION 3. Section 457A-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

21 "(e) Maintenance requirements for the recertification
22 process shall be on a biennial basis, and shall include a



Report Title:

Nurse Aides; Competency Evaluation

Description:

Provides that biannual maintenance and continuing education hours required for nurse aides include a competency evaluation approved by the Department of Human Services.

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