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IDPH INFORMATION NOTICE 12-02: PHYSICIAN QUALIFICATIONS FOR
 APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZED USER STATUS

Addressees:

All Medical Use and Mobile Van Licensees

Purpose:

IDPH is issuing this information notice to provide guidance concerning the documentation to be submitted to IDPH for all physicians requesting authorized user status for medical use of radioactive material.

Background:

Iowa Administrative Code 641-41.2(67) through (73) and (81) and (82) contain the training and experience requirements for physicians seeking authorized user status for the medical use of radioactive material.

Discussions:

Physicians have three methods to prove eligibility when requesting authorized user status with the IDPH:

1. If a physician has been previously authorized by an Iowa Department of Public Health license for medical use and wishes to use material permitted by the previous license, it is only necessary to submit the previous license number. Submit a copy of the license on which the physician was specifically named as an authorized user if the license was issued by any other Agreement State or the US NRC.
2. If a physician is certified by an organization listed in the appropriate section of 641-41.2(67-82), submit the "*Medical Use Training and Experience and Preceptor Attestation*" along with a copy of the specialty board certificate indicating that the physician is "AU Eligible".
3. Physicians not previously authorized by NRC or an Agreement State license and not certified by an organization listed in the appropriate section of 641-41.2(67-82), must submit a complete description of their training and experience using the "*Medical Use Training and Experience and Preceptor Attestation*". This documentation will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

641-41.2(77) states that all training and experience shall have been obtained within the seven years preceding the date of application or the individual must submit verification of continuing applicable experience since the required training and experience was completed.

Whether applying for authorized use status using specialty board certification or via the alternate training path, all physicians requesting authorized user status for medical use of radioactive material must also submit a preceptor statement, signed by a preceptor authorized user who meets the requirements for the medical use applied for, stating the individual has satisfactorily completed all training requirements and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for the medical uses applied for.

Contact:

This IN requires no specific action or written response. If you have any questions about the information in this notice, please notify this office.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie Rasmuson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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