
Health Care & Wellness Committee

SB 5499

Brief Description: Concerning credentialing of medical assistant-hemodialysis technicians.

Sponsors: Senators Cleveland, Muzzall, Randall and Wilson, C..

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allows individuals applying for licensure as medical assistant-hemodialysis technicians to practice for 120 days after their applications have been filed.
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Hearing Date: 2/16/22

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

There are several types of medical assistants (MAs) licensed by the Department of Health, including MA-hemodialysis technicians. An MA-hemodialysis technician performs hemodialysis when delegated and supervised by certain health care practitioners. In order to become licensed as an MA-hemodialysis technician, an applicant must complete a training program or hold a national credential that is the equivalent of the training program. In addition, the applicant must have a high school education, the ability to read, write, and converse in English, basic math skills, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification.

Summary of Bill:

In order to facilitate patient continuity of care and to allow sufficient time for application processing, an applicant for certification as a medical assistant-hemodialysis technician who has completed the training program may continue to work at a dialysis facility under the level of

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supervision required for the training program for a period of 120 days after the application is filed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.