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Board of Registration in Pharmacy

Advisory: Educational Equivalency for Collaborative Drug Therapy Management ("CDTM") Agreements

I. Introduction

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy ("Board") would like to advise licensees of the educational qualifications that would be considered equivalent to 5 years of experience as a licensed pharmacist in order to participate in a Collaborative Drug Therapy Management agreement ("CDTM") pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 24B½ and 247 CMR 16.00.

II. Requirements

For the educational qualifications to be considered equivalent to 5 years of experience as a licensed pharmacist, the following requirements must be met:

A. One of the following conditions must be met:

1. The pharmacist holds a current board certification from the Board of Pharmacy Specialties ("BPS").
2. The pharmacist must have completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-1 residency **and**:
 - i. Must have completed an additional 2 years of experience as a practicing pharmacist; or
 - ii. Must complete 12 months of CDTM practice under the direction of a practicing CDTM pharmacist. The facility must have a policy and procedure describing the manner by which the CDTM pharmacist is monitored. Documentation of the monitoring must be maintained by the facility and available for Board review upon request.

3. The pharmacist must have completed an ASHP-accredited PGY-2 residency **and**:
 - i. Must have completed an additional 1 year of experience as a practicing pharmacist; or
 - ii. Must complete 6 months of CDTM practice under the direction of a practicing CDTM pharmacist. The facility must have a policy and procedure describing the manner by which the CDTM pharmacist is monitored. Documentation of the monitoring must be maintained by the facility and available for Board review upon request.

B. Pharmacists must also complete a comprehensive CDTM credentialing and training program developed and administered by the clinical site. The credentialing and training program must include at least the following elements:

1. Assessment of the understanding of national and site-specific clinical guidelines;
2. Assessment of clinical skills relevant to the practice area: e.g., vital signs, height/weight, respiration, peak flow, glucose testing, specialty specific training if applicable (e.g. standard depression and anxiety clinical assessment scales for behavioral health); and
3. Current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification.

III. A pharmacist who does not meet the qualifications as set forth in 247 CMR 16.00 or this advisory but would like for the Board to consider other education or residency criteria to participate in a CDTM program, may submit a petition to be considered by the Board.

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