Subchapter 24

Proposed Amendments
NJ Licensure History

• Radiologic Technologist Act created the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners and radiologic technology licensure in 7 categories. (1969)

• Subchapter 24 created Nuclear Medicine Technologist licensure issued by DEP in 1980. (ARRT & NMTCB certification accepted)

• Fusion Imaging Technology: Requires two operators or one person licensed in both diagnostic radiologic technology and nuclear medicine technology.

• 2013 Legislative Bills passed to create a new license category in hybrid fusion imaging technology.
NJ Licensure History Cont’d

• August 2013  Radiologic Technologist Act Amendment signed into law.

  • Permits the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (Board) to license currently licensed nuclear medicine technologists in hybrid fusion imaging technology who has:

    Completed appropriate education or training and demonstrates competency as determined by the Board.

  • Also, this new license permits the licensed nuclear medicine technologist to perform attenuation correction using CT equipment.
A. New License Category in Hybrid Fusion Imaging Technology

Licensing Requirements
Licensure Eligibility

- Licensed nuclear medicine technologists who have completed the ARRT’s post-primary CT examination requirements and are currently CT certified by the ARRT.

  - ARRT Requirements: Perform a total of 125 CT procedures to include at least 25 different procedures performed at least three times or a maximum of five times.

  - January 2016, 16 hours of continuing education in ARRT examination content areas.
Licensure Eligibility cont’d

• Other Possible Pathways: NMTCB November 2013 Announcement

• No other license categories are eligible for fusion imaging licensure. **Reasons:**
  – The Rad Tech Act limits licensure to licensed Nuc Med Technologists.
  – Licensed Nuc Med Technologists already possess the education and experience in handling radioactive materials.

• The BOARD needs to develop a provision and process that permits LNMTs to complete the ARRT CT clinical requirements in New Jersey.
B. Revisions to reflect New Jersey’s Agreement State status with NRC
Agreement State Related Amendments

- With the Bureau of Environmental Radiation’s assistance, delete or modify existing provisions, since they were not corrected during the Agreement State regulation adoption.

- Examples:
  - Other than the Authorized User or LNMT, who can administer radioactive materials in Section 24.1
  - Types of radioactive material licenses issued (i.e.; State and Federal) in Sections 24.2 and 24.3
  - Definitions in Section 24.2
  - Dose Administration Records in Section 24.3

- The outcome of this exercise may result in a change in the title of the regulation, since the rule may be limited to the education and licensing requirements of nuclear medicine technologists and hybrid fusion technologists.
C. Revisions to Nuclear Medicine Technology School Requirements
Nuclear Medicine School Amendments

• All three NJ nuclear medicine technology schools are accredited by the JRCNMT.

• Currently, Subchapter 24 has school requirements and an approval process that duplicates most of the JRCNMT’s requirements

  – Proposal: Remove existing provisions
    – Require schools to be accredited by the JRCNMT
    – Registered with the DEP.
• New Jersey needs to create supervision requirements for students, since JRCNMT has none.
  
  — **Proposal:**
  
  — (1a) Direct supervision (in-room) prior to competency determination and
  
  — (1b) Indirect supervision after competency determination for all diagnostic procedures and
  
  — (2) Direct supervision for all therapeutic procedures.

• Provision to permit NMT students to observe, participate in, and/or perform the CT portion of a hybrid fusion procedure and determine the level of supervision needed.
D. Existing Nuclear Medicine Technology and New Hybrid Fusion Imaging Technology Fees
Existing Nuclear Medicine Technology License Fees

- **Examination Fee:**
  - Current: $75
  - Proposed: $TBD (ARRT Cost $100 and Administrative Cost $TBD) (Last increased in 2000)
    - Very limited use: 1 examinee in the last 5 years (state exam)
    - Most persons either take the ARRT or NMTCB examination

- **Initial License Fee:**
  - Current: $40
  - Proposed: $TBD (Last increased in 1985)

- **Biennial License Renewal Fee:**
  - $40 ($20/year)

- **Proposed:**
  - $TBD (Last increased in 2000)
    - On-line licensee renewal
New Hybrid Fusion Imaging Technology Fees

- Examination Fee: N/A
- Initial License Fee: Proposed $ TBD
- Biennial License Renewal Fee: Proposed $ TBD
Anticipated Rulemaking Schedule

• DEP Launch Meeting - January 2014
• Rule Proposal in New Jersey Register – June 2014
• Rule Adoption in NJR – August - September 2014
Stakeholder Communications

• Stakeholder Meeting Summary –
  – Located on the DEP rule page at http://www.nj.gov/dep/workgroups/

• Submit comments on subchapter 24 amendments to
  – Ann Martz at ann.martz@dep.state.nj.us by January 8, 2014

• Thank you for your assistance in the rulemaking process.