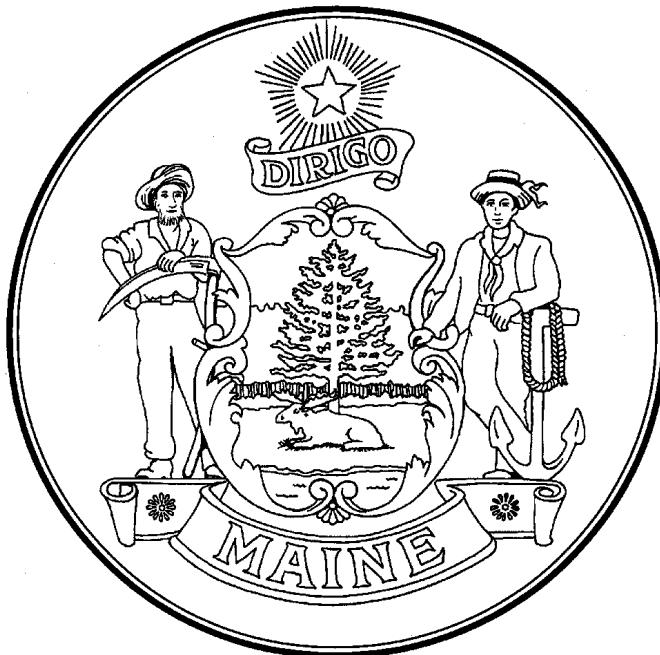


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An Act to Expand Access to Certified Residential Medication Aide Training

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.
Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §42, sub-§1-A,** as amended by PL 2025, c. 237, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1-A. Administration of medication.** The administration of medication in assisted
5 housing programs, residential care facilities, ~~drug treatment centers~~, day care facilities,
6 children's homes and nursery schools and nonnursing level intermediate care facilities for
7 persons with intellectual disabilities must be in accordance with rules established by the
8 department. In other facilities licensed or approved by the department, excluding those
9 facilities licensed under section 1811, other than nonnursing level intermediate care
10 facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities, the department may establish rules for
11 the administration of medication as it considers necessary. In establishing rules for each
12 type of facility, the department shall consider, among other factors, the general health of
13 the persons likely to receive medication, the number of persons served by the facility and
14 the number of persons employed at the facility who might be involved in the administration
15 of medication. Any rules for the administration of medication must be established in
16 accordance with Title 5, chapter 375.

17 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §42, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

18 **1-B. Certified residential medication aide certificate.** The department shall issue a
19 certificate to an individual who has successfully completed a department-approved
20 certified residential medication aide course that meets the medication administration
21 training requirements for unlicensed assistive personnel under Title 32, section 2102,
22 subsection 11 in accordance with rules established by the department for facilities under
23 subsection 1-A. The course must be designed to ensure competency in the safe
24 administration of medications by individuals who are not licensed health care
25 professionals. The department shall review the course curriculum at least once every 5
26 years, or more frequently as determined necessary by the commissioner, to ensure
27 alignment with current clinical standards, safety practices and the needs of residents and
28 clients in facilities under subsection 1-A. The department shall develop rules for the
29 certification of certified residential medication aides and certified residential medication
30 aide instructors and may establish and collect reasonable certification fees and sanction
31 fees from individuals as well as from instructors. Fees must be set by rule and may range
32 from \$25 to \$100 per individual or instructor, per course, and be valid for a 2-year
33 certification period, as specified by rule. Fees collected pursuant to this section must be
34 deposited in a dedicated special revenue account to support certified residential medication
35 aide certification activities and the ongoing oversight and maintenance of the curriculum.
36 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
37 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

38 **SUMMARY**

39 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a certificate to
40 an individual who has successfully completed a department-approved certified residential
41 medication aide course that meets the medication administration training requirements for
42 unlicensed assistive personnel in accordance with rules established by the department for
43 certain facilities. The bill also requires the department to review the course curriculum at

1 least every 5 years and allows the department to establish by rule certification fees and
2 sanction fees for certified residential medication aides and instructors.