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Long-term care consultation program: staff certification.

(A) Section 173.42 of the Revised Code permits a person to provide a consultation only if ODA certifies the person.

(B) Qualifications for certification: ODA may certify a person to provide consultations only if the person meets all of the following qualifications, unless paragraph (C) of this rule applies:

(1) The person is an employee of the program administrator.

(2) The person meets at least one of the following qualifications:

(a) The person has a current, valid license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code. ~~Beginning on January 1, 2023, "registered nurse" also includes a registered nurse, including an RN~~ with a "multistate license" from another state with "multistate licensure privilege," as those terms are defined in section 4723.11 of the Revised Code.

(b) The person has a current, valid license under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code as a licensed independent social worker (LISW), licensed social worker (LSW), an LISW or LSW from a member state with an unencumbered multistate license ~~in another state that entered into the counseling compact with Ohio under section 4757.50-4757.52~~ of the Revised Code, or a current, valid license to practice in a related profession upon approval by ODA.

(c) The person has a bachelor of arts degree or a bachelor of science degree and also possesses at least one year of experience in one or both of the following:

(i) Providing individuals with information about options available to meet long-term care needs or providing individuals with related information such as that which is provided through information and referral, information and assistance.

(ii) Managed care experience or other such healthcare experience related to individuals' long-term care needs.

(d) The person has at least three years of experience in one or both of the following:

(i) Providing individuals with information about options available to meet long-term care needs or providing individuals with related

information such as that which is provided through information and referral, information and assistance.

- (ii) Managed care experience or other such healthcare experience related to individuals' long-term care needs.
- (3) The person is not an employee of a provider of long-term services and supports.
- (4) The person is not disqualified for a paid direct-care position under Chapter 173-9 of the Administrative Code.
- (C) Consultants moving to Ohio from other states: Section 173.422 establishes a requirement for ODA to certify an applicant from the uniformed services or another state according to Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code if the applicant meets all the following conditions:
 - (1) The applicant is an employee of the program administrator.
 - (2) The applicant is not disqualified from a paid direct-care position under Chapter 173-9 of the Administrative Code or section 173.38 of the Revised Code.
 - (3) The applicant meets the qualifications in sections 4796.03, 4796.04, or 4796.05 of the Revised Code.
- ~~(C)~~(D) General standards regarding certification:
 - (1) ODA shall notify the program administrator of the date that it certifies a person to provide long-term care consultations.
 - (2) If, at any time, a certified person no longer qualifies for certification under paragraph (B) or (C) this rule, the person shall not provide another long-term care consultation until the person qualifies under this rule.
 - (3) Training:
 - (a) The program administrator shall train and orient each certified person on the following topics:
 - (i) Local availability of publicly-financed and privately-financed long-term care options, programs, services, and benefits.
 - (ii) Factors to consider when choosing among available options.
 - (iii) Opportunities and methods for individuals to maximize independence and self-reliance.

- (iv) The availability of health care or financial benefits through the United States department of veterans affairs.
 - (v) How to refer an individual to a congressionally-chartered veterans service organization or the county veterans service office.
- (b) Each certified person shall successfully complete fifteen clock hours of professional development every two years after the date ODA certified the person on topics relevant to the duties involved in providing a consultation. This requirement does not apply to any person who qualified to be a consultant under paragraph (B)(2)(a) or (B)(2)(b) of this rule.
- (4) For each certified person, the program administrator shall retain records demonstrating compliance with this rule.

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Certification

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