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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 319

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 1713(d), Title 24 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

(d) Continuing education. — (1) The Board shall provide by rule or regulation for continuing education for persons certified to practice medicine or other professions or occupations pursuant to this chapter.

~~(2) For professionals renewing their license on or after April 1, 2025, who work in adult or gerontology in a healthcare setting, the Board must require that at least 1 hour of continuing education in each reporting period must be on the topic of diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.~~

(2) For professionals who are renewing their license in 2027, the Board must require, for that renewal only, that the professional have completed at least 2 hours of the total required during that reporting period of continuing education dedicated to the diagnosis, treatment, or care of patients with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

(3) For professionals renewing their license after 2027, the Board must require that the professional have completed at least 2 hours of the total required during that reporting period of continuing education dedicated to the diagnosis, treatment, or care of patients with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

(4) A professional is exempt from the requirement of paragraph (d)(3) of this section if the professional previously completed in a prior reporting period the continuing education required by this section. The professional must provide a sworn statement or attestation in a form determined by the Division of Professional Regulation that this continuing education was previously completed in a prior reporting period.

(5) A professional is exempt from the requirement of paragraph (d)(2) or paragraph (d)(3) if the professional does not provide health care services to or have direct patient interactions with adults age 26 or older. The professional must provide a sworn statement or attestation in a form determined by the Division of

Professional Regulation that the professional is exempt under this paragraph from the continuing education required by this paragraph (d)(2) or paragraph (d)(3) of this section.

(6) A professional is exempt from the requirement of paragraph (d)(2) or paragraph (d)(3) if the professional does not provide health care services to anyone within the State of Delaware. The professional must provide a sworn statement or attestation in a form determined by the Division of Professional Regulation that the professional is exempt under this paragraph from the continuing education required by this paragraph (d)(2) or paragraph (d)(3) of this section.

(7) Any training on Alzheimer's disease or other dementias previously applied to meet this requirement or any other State licensure or education requirement, professional accreditation or certification requirement, or health care institutional practice agreement may count toward the continuing education requirement under paragraph (d)(3) of this section.

SYNOPSIS

This Act changes the requirements for continuing education for doctors related to Alzheimer's disease or other dementias to require that doctors must only complete 2 hours of this continuing education once. Doctors who do not have direct patient interactions with adult populations over the age of 25 or do not currently practice within the State of Delaware are exempt from this requirement.

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