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**CHAPTER 12
MEDICAL PRACTICES**

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CHIROPRACTIC**

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§ 121101. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases have been defined to mean:

(a) *Accredited School of Chiropractic* means a school of chiropractic accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education ('CCE').

(b) *Chiropractic* means the science, art and philosophy of things natural, the science of locating and removing interference with the

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transmissions or expression of nerve forces in the human body by the correction of misalignments or subluxation of the articulations and adjacent structures, *more especially* those of the vertebral column and pelvis, for the purpose of restoring and maintaining health. It shall include the use of all natural agencies to assist in the healing art, such as food, water, heat, cold, electricity and mechanical appliances. The use of X-ray procedures shall be limited to skeletal X-rays and shall exclude the therapeutic use of X-radiation, the use of contrast studies that introduce dyes, isotopes or similar contrast media through the skin, orally, via cathertization or retrograde into any body cavity. It shall exclude operative surgery, prescription, or use of drugs or medicine, and laboratory procedures involved in the penetration of human tissues.

(c) *Doctor of Chiropractic* means a person who has completed training in chiropractic and received a Doctor of Chiropractic ('D.C.') degree from a school accredited by the CCE.

(d) *Internship* means a training program in the United States approved by the CCE.

(e) *Licensed chiropractor* means a person who is validly and currently licensed to practice chiropractic on Guam.

(f) *Practice of Chiropractic* means to represent directly or indirectly, publicly or privately, an ability or willingness to provide for the treatment by means of manipulation of the spine and prevention of human illness in accordance with the principles of chiropractic. Any person who is *not* licensed to practice chiropractic under these rules and regulations shall *not* hold out to the public, advertise, declare, represent or in any way proclaim to practice chiropractic, or use any titles, words, letters, signs, devices, techniques, maneuvers or modalities that could represent that he or she is authorized to prescribe or engage in the area of chiropractic or spinal manipulation, as defined under these rules and regulations.

(g) *Spinal manipulation* means a procedure that utilizes a carefully graded thrust, either manually or mechanically, that is applied across the spinal apophyseal or sacroiliac joints at the end of passive range of motion into the parapsychological range of motion, often causing the sudden liberation of synovial gases characterized by an audible popping or cracking sound for the purpose of restoring a joint to its normal alignment and mobility and improving and maintaining the function of the nervous system.

§ 121102. Qualifications for Licensure.

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Any person desiring a license to practice chiropractic on Guam shall make a written application to the Board on application forms provided by the Board. The applicant must provide proof of the following:

(a) graduation from a school or college of chiropractic, accredited by the CCE;

(b) completion at least one (1) year of an internship training program satisfactorily;

(c) pass all exams currently given by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

(d) pass all other exams as required by the Board; *and*

(e) a current Basic Cardiac Life Support Certification ('BCLS'), whether the license is new or being renewed.

§ 121103. Graduate of Foreign School of Chiropractic.

Upon recommendation of the Board, a person who is a graduate of a foreign school of chiropractic may be issued a license; *provided*, such graduate can furnish proof of each of the following:

(a) completion of a minimum of three (3) years pre-professional training at a college or university accredited by the appropriate accrediting body of that foreign country; fifty percent (50%) of this training must have been in the basic sciences;

(b) graduation from a school of chiropractic accredited or approved by the country in which it is located (Curriculum at the school of chiropractic must have a minimum period of eight (8) semesters, or the equivalent of not less than four thousand two hundred (4,200) credit hours; *provided*, that such accrediting agency has a reciprocal agreement with the CCE.); *and*

(c) pass the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners qualifying examination.

§ 121104. Exceptions to Licensure Requirements.

This Article shall *not* be construed to prohibit a person who is a regular student in an accredited school of chiropractic from performing duties or actions assigned by the student's instructors, or working under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractor.

§ 121105. Specialty Board Certification.

The Board recognizes only those national specialty boards which are

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recognized by the American Chiropractic Association.

§ 121106. Use of Diagnostic X-Rays by Licensees.

(a) All licensees must comply with rules and regulations established by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners and the Department of Public Health and Social Services governing the use of X-rays in the healing arts.

(b) Licensees shall be allowed to prescribe X-ray procedures, and interpret and analyze the resultant radiographic images. Any patient who is administered an X-ray for chiropractic reasons, *however*, must first be examined by a chiropractor licensed on Guam to determine the need for the X-ray.

(c) Licensees are limited to the following uses of X-rays:

(1) no licensee shall use X-ray procedures that require the penetration of human tissues or cavities using needles, wires, catheters or syringes to introduce dyes, isotopes or any type of contrast media, orally or retrograde;

(2) no licensee shall use X-rays for therapeutic use; *and*

(3) no licensee shall advertise free or discounted X-ray services, or indiscriminately use X-ray practice for unethical purposes.

§ 121107. Determination of the Need for Care.

Determination of a patient's need for care shall be within the sole discretion of a licensed chiropractor, and is considered an inherent part of the scope of practice of the licensee's discipline.

**ARTICLE 12
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY**

§ 121201. Definitions.

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§ 121201. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases have

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been defined to mean:

(a) *Clinical Psychologist* means a person who has received training in clinical psychology from an accredited school in the U.S. and has completed the internship requirements.

(1) *Training* means a doctoral level training in clinical psychology at an accredited institution of higher learning in the U.S. The doctoral level training in clinical psychology shall require the applicant to provide evidence of having satisfactorily completed education in the following areas:

(A) biological basis of behavior, physiological psychology, comparative psychology, neuropsychology, sensation, perception and psychopharmacology;

(B) cognitive-affective basis of behavior, learning, thinking, motivation and emotion;

(C) social basis of behavior, social psychology, group process, organizational and systems theories;

(D) individual differences, personality theory, human development and abnormal psychology; *and*

(E) research design and methodology, statistics and psychometrics.

(2) *Accredited* means that the college or the university has met the standards as established by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or by other accrediting agencies.

(3) *Internship* means a training program that is supervised by a doctoral level, licensed clinical psychologist, or approved by the American Psychological Association and can be demonstrated to be of high quality.

(b) *Clinical Psychology* means a subspecialty in psychology which is primarily concerned with assessing and alleviating emotional, mental and behavioral disorders in a hospital, institution or other clinical setting.

(c) *Fee* means any charge, monetary or otherwise, whether

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paid directly, or on a prepaid capitation basis, by a third party, or a charge assessed by a facility for services rendered.

(d) *Foreign School* means any college or division of a university in a country other than the United States that offers the degree of doctor in clinical psychology.

(e) *License* means that the person named on the certificate has been found qualified to engage in the practice of clinical psychology, and has been awarded a license by the Board to practice clinical psychology.

(f) *Practice of Clinical Psychology* means:

(1) a person who represents himself to be a clinical psychologist when he holds himself out to the public by any title or description of services incorporating the words 'clinical psychology,' 'clinical psychologist,' or offers to render or renders services as defined below to individuals, groups, organizations or the public;

(2) the rendering to individuals, groups, organizations or the public any psychological service involving the application of principles, methods and procedures of understanding, predicting and influencing behavior, such as the principles pertaining to learning, perception, motivation, thinking, emotions and inter-personal relationships; the methods and procedures of interviewing, counseling and psychotherapy; constructing, administering and interpreting tests of mental abilities, aptitudes, interests, attitudes, personality characteristics, emotion and motivation, and of assessing public opinion;

(3) the application of said principles and methods, including, but not limited to, diagnosis, prevention and amelioration of adjustment problems, and emotional and mental disorders of individuals and groups, hypnosis, educational and vocational counseling, personnel selection and management, the evaluation and planning for effective work and learning situations, advertising and market research and the resolution of interpersonal and social conflicts; *or*

(4) psychotherapy by the use of learning, conditioning

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methods and emotional reactions, in a professional relationship, to assist a person or persons to modify feelings, attitudes and behavior which are intellectually, socially or emotionally mal-adjustive or ineffectual.

§ 121202. Qualifications for Licensure.

(a) The applicant must have a doctorate in clinical psychology from an accredited college or university of the U.S.

(b) The applicant must have completed two (2) years of internship, of which at least one (1) year must be after receiving the doctorate.

(c) The applicant must have successfully completed the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology administered by a state, territory or district of the United States.

§ 121203. Graduates of Foreign Schools.

Foreign clinical psychologists who meet all the requirements as established by the rules and regulations of this Article, and are found to be qualified by the Board, may be issued a license to practice clinical psychology on Guam.

§ 121204. Exceptions to Licensure Requirements.

(a) No person may practice clinical psychology on Guam who is *not* licensed as a clinical psychologist by the Board. *However*, these rules and regulations shall *not* be construed to prohibit the following:

(1) an employee of a Federal government agency performing his official duties;

(2) a clinical psychologist regularly licensed in another state of the U.S. consulting with a licensed clinical psychologist on Guam; *or*

(3) a person who is a regular student in clinical psychology or a related field performing duties or functions assigned by his instructors, or who is working under the direct supervision of a licensed, clinical psychologist.

§ 121205. Prescriptive Authority.

A clinical psychologist may administer, prescribe and dispense any licensed drug in accordance with 10 GCA § 12827 and any other rules and regulation established by the Board.

ARTICLE 13
INDIVIDUAL, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

- § 121301. Definitions.
- § 121302. Qualifications for Licensure.
- § 121303. Exceptions to Licensure.
- § 121304. Scope of Practice.
- § 121305. Privileged Communication.

SOURCE: This Article was added by P.L. 24-329:6.

§ 121301. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases have been defined to mean:

(a) *Accredited or approved school* means a college or the university that has met the standards as established by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or by another accrediting or recognized approval agency, including state or Federal approving agencies.

(b) *Family* means all forms of households that consist of members with emotional bonds and mutual obligations that define themselves as families. 'Family' as used here includes, but is not limited to, nuclear families (i.e. once married couples with children), single parent families, non-married couples with children, reconstituted families (remarried couples), and couples without children.

(c) *Family therapy* means the systematic intervention enabling family members to understand the behavior of individuals in relation to the ongoing operations of the family group. This approach enables family members to generate a wider range of options for coping with problems, and to learn problem solving skills.

(d) *Individual therapy* means planned intervention to assist a client in coping more effectively with problems of living.

(e) *Marriage* means a socially sanctioned relationship between two (2) adults. Marriage determines specific roles, involving reciprocal obligations and duties, as well as legal rights.

(f) *Marriage therapy* means the therapeutic intervention with married

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couples, non-married couples or alternative couples to resolve immediate problems and conflicts in their relationship.

(g) *Therapist* means a person licensed on Guam to practice therapy, as defined in these rules and regulations.

(h) *Therapy* means planned intervention to help the client enlarge competencies and increase problem solving skills and coping abilities. Therapy can be used interchangeably with counseling and psychotherapy. Psychotherapy means a specialized, formal interaction between an Individual, Marriage and Family Therapist or other Mental Health Professionals, and a client (an individual, couple, family or group) in which a therapeutic relationship is established to help resolve symptoms of mental disorder, psychosocial stress, relationship problems, and enhance problem solving skills and coping abilities.

§ 121302. Qualifications for Licensure.

(a) The Board shall issue a license for Individual, Marriage and Family Therapy to an applicant whom:

(1) has a doctorate or master's degree from a school accredited or approved by a state or territory in the U.S. with a program that is primarily social work, psychological or psycho-therapeutic in content; in the case of foreign schools, a school approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis; *and*

(2) has had two (2) years, with a minimum of one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of documented client service, of post-graduate experience under the supervision of a licensed or certified marriage and family therapist, psychologist, psychiatrist or social worker in the field of individual, marriage and family therapy within the U.S.

(b) If an individual cannot document two (2) years of post-graduate experience under the supervision of a licensed or certified marriage and family therapist, psychologist, psychiatrist or social worker in the field of individual, marriage and family therapy within the U.S., he may submit proof of having worked under an internship program approved by the Board, not to extend beyond two (2) years in order for him to gain that supervision on Guam.

§ 121303. Exceptions to licensure.

(a) No person may practice individual, marriage or family therapy on Guam who is *not* licensed as an individual, marriage or family therapist by

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the Board, *unless* such practice is approved by other licenses issued by another licensing board. *However*, this Article shall *not* be construed to prohibit:

(1) an employee of the Federal government from performing official duties;

(2) an individual, marriage and family therapist regularly licensed in another state of the U.S. consulting with a licensed individual, marriage and family therapist on Guam;

(3) a person who is a regular student in individual, marriage or family therapy-related fields performing duties or actions as assigned by his instructors, or who is working under the supervision of a licensed, individual, marriage and family therapist.

(b) Nothing in these rules and regulations shall be construed to prevent qualified members of other professional groups, such as clinical psychology, school psychology, counseling psychology, social work or ordained clergy from doing work of a counseling nature consistent with their training and consistent with any code of ethics of their respective professions; *provided*, however, that they do *not* hold themselves out to the public by any of the following titles:

(1) *individual therapist*;

(2) *counselor*;

(3) *marriage therapist*;

(4) *family therapist*;

(5) *psychotherapist*; or

(6) *any combination thereof*.

§ 121304. Scope of Practice.

The practice of individual, marriage and family therapy, within the meaning of these rules and regulations, is rendering planned intervention to assist individuals, married couples or families cope more effectively with problems of living, resolving immediate problems and conflicts in relationships, and utilizing acceptable professional therapeutic and/or psychotherapeutic techniques.

§ 121305. Privileged Communication.

Breach of a privileged communication, *except* as provided for in this

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Article is considered unprofessional conduct and grounds for revocation or suspension of a license

**ARTICLE 14
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

- § 121401. Definitions.
- § 121402. Qualifications for Licensure; Occupational Therapist.
- § 121403. Qualifications for Licensure.
- § 121404. International Graduates; Requirements.
- § 121405. Licensure Examination.
- § 121406. Qualifications for Examination.
- § 121407. Waiver of Requirements.
- § 121408. Persons and Practices Not Affected.
- § 121409. Scope of Practice; Occupational Therapist.
- § 121410. Scope of Practice; Occupational Therapy Assistant.

SOURCE: This Article was added by P.L. 24-329:7.

§ 121401. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases have been defined to mean:

(a) *Fieldwork* means a supervised clinical experience of a minimum of six (6) months for occupational therapists, and a minimum of three (3) months for Occupational Therapy Assistants, as arranged by the educational institution granting the degree.

(b) *Occupational therapy* means the evaluation and treatment provided to people whose lives have been disrupted by physical injury, illness, developmental problems, the aging process, or psychosocial or cognitive difficulties.

Treatment entails the assessment, evaluation and treatment to assist each individual to achieve or return to an independent and productive life through techniques which prevent disability, assisting the individual in recovery from illness or accident and by promoting the development of functions which may have been impaired or delayed. The treatment provided may include, but shall *not* be limited to, the adaptation of the environment and the selection, design and fabrication of assistive and orthotic devices, and other technology to facilitate development and

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promote the acquisition of functional skills through purposeful activity.

(c) *Occupational therapist* means a person licensed to practice occupational therapy on Guam.

(d) *Occupational therapy assistant* means a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy who works under the indirect supervision of an occupational therapist, or as otherwise determined by the supervising occupational therapist.

(e) *Occupational therapy technician/aide* means a person who can assist in treatment oriented activities, under the direct supervision and presence of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, and whose activities require a general understanding of occupational therapy services acquired on-the-job.

(f) *NBCOT* means the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.

§ 121402. Qualifications for Licensure; Occupational Therapist.

(a) Educational Requirements. Applicants shall present satisfactory evidence to the Board of having successfully completed academic and fieldwork experience requirements in an occupational therapy educational program recognized by the Board. The occupational therapy educational program shall be accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association or the current governing board. The applicant must also:

(1) possess at least a bachelor's degree or certificate in occupational therapy from the U.S. or from a foreign program recognized by the NBCOT; *and*

(2) submit transcripts from an approved school of occupational therapy in the U.S., or from a foreign program recognized by the NBCOT, *unless* already submitted to a government of Guam health agency.

(b) Fieldwork Experience. Applicants shall submit to the Board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience arranged by the recognized educational institution or by the nationally recognized professional association where the applicant has met the academic requirements. Occupational therapists must have a minimum of six (6) months or nine hundred forty (940) hours of supervised fieldwork experience.

§ 121403. Qualifications for Licensure.

(a) Occupational Therapy Assistant.

(1) The occupational therapy assistant educational program shall be approved by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association. The applicant must:

(A) possess an associate's degree or certificate in occupational therapy assistant from the U.S. or from a foreign program recognized by the NBCOT;

(B) submit transcripts from an approved school for occupational therapy assistants in the U.S. or from a foreign program recognized by the NBCOT, *unless* already submitted to a government of Guam agency.

(2) Fieldwork Experience. Applicants shall submit to the Board evidence of having successfully completed a period of supervised fieldwork experience arranged by the recognized educational institution, or by the nationally recognized professional association where the applicant has met the academic requirements. Occupational therapy assistants must have a minimum of twelve (12) weeks, or one hundred and forty (140) hours of supervised fieldwork experience.

(b) Occupational Therapy Technicians. Occupational therapy technicians are *not* required to be licensed by the Board.

§ 121404. International Graduates; Requirements.

Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants trained outside of the United States must satisfy the examination requirements of this Article. The Board shall require these applicants to furnish proof of good moral character and completion of education and supervised fieldwork requirements, substantially equal to those as contained in this Article prior to examination.

§ 121405. Licensure Examination.

An applicant for licensure as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant must pass the written NBCOT examination, as provided for in this Article. Applicants who have fulfilled the education requirements as outlined above, but are pending completion of the examination, may initiate the application process for licensure.

§ 121406. Qualifications for Examination.

Only persons satisfying the requirements of this Article may apply for examination in such a manner as the Board shall prescribe. The Board recognizes the NBCOT as the examining authority for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. A person who fails an examination may apply for reexamination, subject to the policies and procedures of NBCOT.

§ 121407. Waiver of Requirements.

(a) Licensure by Endorsement. The Board may waive the examination, education or experience requirements, and grant a license to any applicant who shall present proof of having practiced in another state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or Territory of the United States which has standards for regulations that are substantially equivalent to the requirements specified in the Article. The Board shall use discretion in considering applicants from unregulated states.

(b) The Board may grant a license to any person who passed the certification examination administered by the NBCOT *prior to* the effective date of Act; whose principal residence is Guam; and who presents satisfactory evidence to the Board of having practiced in Guam for at least one (1) year prior to the enactment of these rules and regulations. Proof of actual practice shall be presented to the Board in such manner as it may prescribe. To obtain the benefit of this waiver, an applicant must file an application no later than ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Act.

§ 121408. Persons and Practices Not Affected.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed as preventing or restricting the practice, services or activities of:

(a) any person licensed on Guam by any other law from engaging in the profession or occupation for which the person is licensed;

(b) any person employed as an occupational therapist or occupational therapist assistant by the Federal government or its agency, *if* such person provides occupational therapy solely under the direction or control of the organization in which the person is employed;

(c) any person pursuing a supervised course of study leading to a degree or certificate in occupational therapy at an accredited educational program, *if* the person is designated by a title which clearly indicates the person's status as a student or trainee;

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(d) any person fulfilling the supervised fieldwork experience requirements of Subsections (2)(b) and 3(2) of this Article, *if* the experience constitutes a part of the experience necessary to meet the requirements of the NBCOT;

(e) any person performing occupational therapy services on Guam, *if* these services are performed for no more than ninety (90) days in a calendar year in association with an occupational therapist licensed under these rules and regulations:

(1) the person is licensed or otherwise regulated under the law of another state which has substantially equivalent requirements for practice as specified under this Article; *or*

(2) the person has passed the certification examination administered by the NBCOT; or a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant ('COTA'), established by the NBCOT; *or*

(f) any person functioning as an occupational therapy technician/aide.

§ 121409. Scope of Practice; Occupational Therapist.

(a) An occupational therapist may enter a case for the purposes of providing direct or indirect service, consulting, evaluating an individual as to the need for services, and other occupational therapy services for any individual who has an injury, illness, cognitive impairment, psychosocial dysfunction, mental illness, developmental or learning disability, physical disability, or other disorder or condition. It includes assessment by skilled observation or evaluation through the administration and interpretation of standardized or nonstandardized tests and measurements. Occupational therapy services include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) the assessment and provision of treatment in consultation with the individual, family or other appropriate persons;

(2) interventions directed toward developing, improving, sustaining or restoring daily living skills, including self-care skills and activities that involve interactions with others and the environment, work readiness or work performance, play skills or leisure capacities, or enhancing educational performance skills;

(3) developing, improving, sustaining or restoring sensorimotor, oral-motor, perceptual or neuromuscular functioning, emotional, motivational, cognitive or psychosocial components of performance;
and

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(4) education of the individual, family or other appropriate persons in carrying out appropriate interventions.

(b) Services may encompass assessment of need and the design, development, adaptation, application or training in the use of assistive technology devices; the design, fabrication or application of rehabilitative technology, such as selected orthotic devices; training in the use of orthotic or prosthetic devices; the application of physical agent modalities as an adjunct to or in preparation for purposeful activity; the application of ergonomic principles; the adaptation of environments and processes to enhance functional performance; or the promotion of health and wellness.

(c) Such evaluation shall be the occupational therapist's assessment of a patient's problem, and the therapist shall make an occupational therapy assessment and evaluation and treat accordingly. The therapist shall consult with an authorized health care practitioner *if* a patient's problem is outside the scope of occupational therapy. *If*, at any time, a patient requires further services of an authorized health care provider, a referral shall be made.

§ 121410. Scope of Practice; Occupational Therapy Assistant.

The occupational therapy assistant works under the supervision of the occupational therapist. The amount, degree and pattern of supervision a practitioner requires varies depending on the employment setting, method of service provision, the practitioner's competence and the demands of service. The occupational therapist is responsible for the evaluation of the client or patient. The treatment plan may be developed by the occupational therapist in collaboration with the occupational therapy assistant. Once the evaluation and treatment plans are established, the occupational therapy assistant may implement and modify various therapeutic interventions, as permitted by the Board under the supervision of the occupational therapist.

**ARTICLE 15
PHYSICAL THERAPY**

§ 121501. Definitions.

§ 121502. Qualifications for Licensure.

§ 121503. Exceptions to Licensure.

§ 121504. Scope of Practice.

§ 121505. Supportive Personnel; Delineation of Responsibilities.

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§ 121506. Foreign Graduates; Requirements.

SOURCE: This Article was added by P.L. 24-329:8.

§ 121501. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases have been defined to mean:

(a) *Licensed physical therapist* means a person who is currently and validly licensed to practice physical therapy on Guam.

(b) *Physical therapy assistant* means an individual who assists in the treatment of patients under the direct and indirect supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Assistance rendered must be commensurate with the assistant's education and training.

(c) *Physical therapy technician* means an individual who has received on-the-job training from a licensed physical therapist, and who assists in the treatment of patients under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

(d) *Physical therapy* means the utilization of scientific principles for the evaluation and treatment of any disability, injury or disease by the use of physical, chemical or mechanical means, including, but not limited to, heat, cold, air, light, sound, electricity, water, massage, therapeutic exercise and rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the purpose of preventing, correcting or alleviating dysfunction resulting from such disability, injury or disease; the performance of tests and measurements of neuromuscular function as an aid to the diagnosis or treatment of human condition; performance of treatments on the basis of test findings; supervision of selective forms of treatment by trained supportive personnel; and provisions of consultative services for health, education and community agencies; provided, however, that physical therapy shall *not* include the use of Roentgen Rays and radium for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes, the use of electricity for surgical purposes, including cauterization. Physical therapy and physical therapy services are *not* generic terms; they are the use of any intervention, including physical agent modalities/electrotherapy, that is provided by, or under the direction of, a licensed, physical therapist.

(e) *Consultation* means the communication regarding a patient's evaluation and proposed treatment plan with an authorized health care practitioner.

(f) *Authorized health care practitioner* includes licensed physicians,

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osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, podiatrists and dentists; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as altering the scope of practice of such practitioners as defined in their respective licensure regulations.

§ 121502. Qualifications for Licensure.

(a) Licensed Physical Therapist. Applicants for a license to practice physical therapy on Guam must complete and file an application with the Board. Applicants must have *all* of the following qualifications:

(1) a bachelor's degree in physical therapy or certificate in physical therapy from an accredited school of physical therapy in the United States;

(2) transcripts from an approved school of physical therapy, evidencing the successful completion of a four (4) year degree program, a two (2) year certificate or advanced program which must include supervised clinical experience; *and*

(3) the applicant must have passed an examination given by the Professional Examination Service in the U.S. or one (1) of its territories and have been granted a license.

(b) Physical Therapy Assistant. To be eligible for licensure as a physical therapy assistant, the applicant must possess *all* of the following qualifications:

(1) a minimum of an associate degree from an approved school for physical therapy assistant in the United States; *and*

(2) transcripts from an approved school for physical therapy assistants, evidencing the successful completion of a two (2) year degree program, which must include supervised clinical experience.

§ 121503. Exceptions to Licensure.

(a) No person may practice physical therapy on Guam who is *not* licensed as a physical therapist by the Board. These rules and regulations shall *not* be construed:

(1) to prohibit persons employed as physical therapists by a Federal agency from practicing their discipline;

(2) to restrict the activities or services of a student or physical therapy intern pursuing a course of study leading to a degree or certificate in physical therapy, *provided* that these activities and

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services constitute a part of his supervised course of study;

(3) to restrict the practice of a physical therapist who is obtaining the required professional experience, and whose required professional experience application has been approved by the Board. Such professional experience is to be defined by the Board as deemed necessary;

(4) to prohibit auxiliary services provided by physical therapy technicians in carrying out duties necessary for the support of physical therapy, including those duties which involve minor physical therapy services when performed under the direct supervision of licensed, physical therapists, so long as such activities do *not* go beyond the scope of practice defined by these rules;

(5) to prohibit the practice of physical therapy by licensed physical therapists of other states or countries while appearing as clinicians at *bona fide* educational seminars sponsored by physical therapy, medical or other healing art professional associations, so long as such activities do *not* go beyond the scope of practice defined by these rules and regulations.

§ 121504. Scope of Practice.

(a) Physical Therapists.

(1) A person licensed under this Article as a physical therapist may evaluate and treat human ailments by physical therapy. The evaluation shall be the physical therapist's assessment of a patient's problem and shall include a physical therapy diagnosis. If a patient's problem is outside the scope of physical therapy, the therapist shall consult with a person licensed to practice medicine. If a patient, at any time, requires further medical evaluation or diagnostic testing, that patient shall be referred to an authorized health care practitioner.

(2) Direct referral of a patient by an authorized health care practitioner may be by telephone, letter or in person; provided, however, if the instructions are oral, the physical therapist may administer treatment accordingly, but must make a record describing the nature of the treatment, the date administered, the name of the person receiving the treatment and the name of the referring authorized health care practitioner.

(b) Physical Therapy Assistant.

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(1) A physical therapy assistant is *not* an independent practitioner and works under the indirect supervision of the physical therapist.

(2) A physical therapy assistant will follow the treatment program set by the physical therapist, and may progress the exercise program in conjunction with the treatment goals.

(c) Physical Therapy Technician. The physical therapy technician will carry out tasks as delegated by the physical therapist; *all* patient care will be under the direct supervision of the physical therapist.

§ 121505. Supportive Personnel; Delineation of Responsibilities.

A physical therapist is professionally and legally responsible for patient care given by supportive personnel under the physical therapist's supervision. If a physical therapist fails to adequately supervise patient care given by supportive personnel, the Board may take disciplinary action against the licensee. Supervision of supportive personnel requires that the physical therapist perform the following activities:

- (a) provide initial evaluation of the patient;
- (b) develop a treatment plan and program, including treatment goals;
- (c) assess the competence of supportive personnel to perform assigned tasks;
- (d) select and delegate appropriate portions of the treatment plan and program;
- (e) direct and supervise supportive personnel in delegated functions;
- (f) re-evaluate the patient and adjust the treatment plan as acceptable physical therapy practice requires, consistent with the delegated health care task;
- (g) document sufficient in-service training and periodic evaluation of performance to assure safe performance of the tasks assigned to supportive personnel; *and*
- (h) provide discharge planning.

§ 121506. Foreign Graduates; Requirements.

(a) The following is required of applicants for physical therapists who are foreign graduates:

- (1) be of good moral character;

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(2) be a United States citizen or legal alien;

(3) submit to the Board the following documents, which must be in English or accompanied by an English translation:

(A) official application and affidavits;

(B) evidence of a diploma from an educational program for physical therapy approved by the Board;

(C) a letter from the applicant's most recent employer verifying the applicant's position and dates of employment;

(4) demonstrate that the applicant's credentials are equivalent to those required of a U.S. educated physical therapist applicant (The foreign education must contain evidence of course work in humanities and social sciences, as well as courses in biology and other physical sciences, equivalent to a United States degree in physical therapy. The applicant must submit notarized copies of all academic records to either the International Education Research Foundation or the International Consultants of Delaware, for evaluation; addresses for each shall be listed with the Board office. A copy of the evaluation must be sent directly to the Board.);

(5) *if* the Board determines that the educational background is *not* equivalent to a U.S. accredited physical therapy program, or the applicant's program is found deficient in physical therapy credits, the applicant must successfully complete a physical therapy program which conforms with the standards of the official accrediting agency determined by the U.S. Office of Education, *or* at the discretion of the Board, complete specified courses in physical therapy;

(6) complete a minimum of twenty (20) continuous weeks of internship under direction and immediate supervision of a physical therapist, in an institution which is approved by the Board, and furnish documentary evidence of compliance to the Board; *and*

(7) may appear before the Board for an oral interview.

(b) *If* the Board finds the internship to have been successfully completed and the educational equivalency requirements met, the applicant must take a licensure examination given by a state or territory within the United States.

(c) Physical therapist assistants must comply with all requirements of

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this Article, have passed an examination given by the Professional Examination Service in the United States or one (1) of its territories, and have been granted a current license.

**ARTICLE 16
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**

- § 121601. Definitions.
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- § 121608. Prescribing.
- § 121609. Exceptions to Licensure Requirement.

SOURCE: This Article was added by P.L. 24-329:9.

§ 121601. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases have been defined to mean:

(a) *Licensed physician* means a physician licensed by the Board of Medical Examiners to practice medicine on Guam.

(b) *Physician assistant* means a Board-licensed person, qualified by academic and practical training, who provides patient services under the indirect supervision of a licensed physician. A physician assistant is *not* an independent practitioner.

(c) *Supervising physician* means a licensed physician who is registered by the Board to supervise a physician assistant.

(d) *Supervision* means providing guidance of the services performed by the physician assistant. A supervising physician may be physically on the premises where the physician assistant is practicing, or be available on Island by telecommunication.

§ 121602. Qualifications for Licensure.

(a) Licensed physician assistants must be graduates of programs approved by the Physician Assistant Examining Committee ('PAEC') from

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an institution accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation ('CAHEA').

(b) Licensed physician assistants must have passed a proficiency examination developed by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, or its successor.

§ 121603. Scope of Practice.

(a) A physician assistant may provide any medical services when such services are within his skills, form a usual component of the physician's scope of practice under the supervision of a supervising physician.

(b) Physician assistants with privileges or employed by a hospital or skilled nursing facility may, *if* permissible under the by-laws and rules and regulations of such facility, write medical orders, including medications, tests and treatments, for in-patients under the care of the supervising physician. In every case, such medical orders must be countersigned by the supervising physician or confirmed by telephone within twenty-four (24) hours.

§ 121604. Registration of Physician Assistant's Supervision.

Prior to practicing on Guam, the licensed physician assistant shall present for approval of the Board of Allied Health Examiners and Board of Medical Examiners a completed application for supervision by a Guam-licensed physician. The practice of the physician assistant must fall within the practice of the supervising physician with whom the physician assistant is registered. In the event of any changes of supervising physician, the names of the supervising physicians must be provided to the above boards. The Board must be notified at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date of change. Practicing without a supervising physician shall be grounds for disciplinary action, including revocation of license.

§ 121605. Renewal of License.

Each licensed physician assistant must present evidence of current certification through the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, or its successor, every two (2) years for renewal of license.

§ 121606. Identification.

(a) While working, the physician assistant shall wear or display appropriate identification, clearly indicating that he or she is a physician assistant.

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(b) The physician assistant's license must be displayed in the office, and any satellite operation in which the physician assistant may function.

(c) A physician assistant may *not* advertise him or herself in any manner that would mislead the patients of the supervising physician or the public.

§ 121607. Supervision Required.

(a) Tasks performed by the physician assistant must be under the supervision of a registered supervising physician.

(b) All medical records must be reviewed and co-signed by the approved supervising physician within seven (7) days.

(c) Upon being duly licensed by the Board, the licensee shall have his or her name, address and other pertinent information enrolled by the Board on a roster of licensed physician assistants.

(d) Not more than two (2) currently licensed physician assistants may be supervised by a licensed physician at any one time.

(e) If no registered supervising physician is available to supervise the physician assistant, the physician assistant must *not* perform patient care activities.

(f) Nothing in these rules shall be construed to prohibit the employment of physician assistants by a medical care facility where such physician assistant's function under the supervision of a Guam-licensed physician.

§ 121608. Exceptions to Licensure Requirement.

No person may practice as a physician assistant on Guam who is *not* licensed by the Board. This Article, *however*, shall *not* be construed to prohibit a student in a physician assistant program performing duties or functions assigned by his instructors, or who is working under the direct supervision of a licensed physician.

§ 121609. Prescriptive Authority.

A physician assistant may administer, prescribe and dispense any licensed drug in accordance with 12 GCA § 12827, and in accordance to any other rules and regulation established by the Board.

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PODIATRIC MEDICINE

§ 121701. Definition.

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§ 121705. Licensure Renewal; Continuing Education Requirements.

§ 121706. Approved Continuing Education Programs.

§ 121707. Scope of Practice.

SOURCE: This Article was added by P.L. 24-329:10.

§ 121701. Definition.

For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases have been defined to mean:

(a) *Podiatric Medicine* means the diagnosis, medical, surgical, mechanical, manipulative and electrical treatment of the human foot and ankle, including the tendons that insert into the foot, and the non-surgical treatment of the muscles and tendons of the leg governing the functions of the foot.

§ 121702. Qualifications for Licensure.

(a) Any person who desires to practice podiatric medicine on Guam must apply to the Board for licensure and provide each of the following:

(1) three (3) letters from doctors of podiatric medicine verifying that the applicant is competent;

(2) verification sent directly from the college of podiatric medicine to the Board of having satisfactorily graduated from an approved college of podiatric medicine; *and*

(3) verification sent directly to the Board from a residency program of having satisfactorily completed a hospital-approved podiatric residency program.

(b) *If* an applicant has practiced podiatric medicine in any U.S. jurisdiction, the applicant shall furnish each of the following:

(1) a notarized copy of the applicant's license to practice podiatric medicine in that jurisdiction; *and*

(2) an affidavit from the board of podiatric medical examiners of any such jurisdiction verifying the number of years that the applicant

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has been engaged in the legal and reputable practice of podiatric medicine in that jurisdiction.

§ 121703. Approved Schools.

Colleges of podiatric medicine accredited by the Council on Podiatric Education of the American Podiatry Association shall be approved by the Board for providing resident professional instruction in podiatric medicine.

§ 121704. Approved Hospitals for Podiatric Residencies.

The hospitals approved by the Board for residencies shall be those that meet the minimum requirements set by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education of the American Podiatric Medical Association.

§ 121705. Licensure Renewal; Continuing Education Requirements.

(a) Each licensee who is a doctor of podiatric medicine is required to complete fifty (50) hours of approved continuing education during each two (2) year renewal period. Each doctor of podiatric medicine renewing a license may be required to submit proof satisfactory to the Board of compliance with the provisions of this requirement.

(b) Each doctor of podiatric medicine, in order to renew a license, shall report progress towards compliance with continuing education requirements by signing and returning the declaration contained in the license renewal application.

(c) Any licensed doctor of podiatric medicine who cannot complete a minimum of fifty (50) hours of approved continuing education during a two (2) year period shall be ineligible for renewal of his or her license, *unless* such licensee applies for and obtains a waiver from the Board, as shall be determined by the Board.

(d) As part of the continuing education required of each licensee, each licensee, at the time of license renewal, shall certify that he or she possesses a current and valid certificate in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation ('CPR').

(e) The Board requires that each licensee retain records of all continuing education programs attended which indicate the title of the course or program, the sponsoring organization, or individual and the accrediting organization, *if any*, for a minimum of four (4) years.

§ 121706. Approved Continuing Education Programs.

The following are approved by the Board as continuing education

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programs:

(a) programs which are approved by the American Podiatric Medical Association and its affiliated organizations;

(b) programs that qualify for Category I Credit of the American Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association and their affiliated organizations;

(c) programs offered by approved colleges or schools of podiatric medicine, medicine and osteopathic medicine;

(d) podiatric residency program or clinical fellowship in a hospital approved for podiatric residencies (Completion of a residency program or clinical fellowship shall be credit for fifty (50) hours of approved continuing education.); *and*

(e) programs offered by other individuals, organizations and institutions approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

§ 121707. Scope of Practice.

(a) A license to practice podiatric medicine on Guam authorizes the holder to practice podiatric medicine as defined in these Rules.

(b) No doctor of podiatric medicine shall do any amputation of the foot in total. Surgical debridement with plastic repairs or reconstruction of diseased, traumatized or devitalized, nonviable or necrotic tissue shall be the standard of treatment for these diseased processes.

(c) Doctors of podiatric medicine practicing within the framework of this policy statement are subject to all laws governing gross negligence, incompetence and repeated negligent acts.

**ARTICLE 18
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

§ 121801. Definitions.

§ 121802. Qualifications for Licensure.

§ 121803. Exceptions to Licensure Requirements.

§ 121804. Scope of Practice.

SOURCE: This Article was added by P.L. 24-329:11.

§ 121801. Definitions.

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For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases have been defined to mean:

(a) *ASHA* means the American Speech, Language, Hearing Association.

(b) *Speech-language assistant* means any individual who meets minimum qualifications which the Board may establish for speech-language assistants, whose qualifications shall be less than those established by these Rules for licensure as a speech-language pathologist, and who works under the indirect supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist.

(c) *Speech-language pathologist* means any individual who is duly licensed by the Board to practice in the field of speech-language pathology.

(d) *Speech-language pathology* means the application of principles, methods and procedures for the measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, counseling, instruction, habilitation or rehabilitation related to the development and disorders of speech, voice, fluency or language, for the purpose of evaluating, identifying, treating, preventing, ameliorating, or modifying such disorders and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals.

§ 121802. Qualifications for Licensure.

(a) **Speech Language Pathologist.** To be eligible for licensure by the Board as a speech-language pathologist, an applicant must possess a current Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology issued by ASHA as evidence of professional training and experience. Applicants shall arrange for an official statement from ASHA to be sent directly to the GBAHE reporting present ASHA certification.

(b) **Speech Language Assistant.** The speech-language assistant shall possess at least a Bachelor's degree in speech and language or communication disorders. The Board may establish further qualifications for speech-language assistants.

§ 121803. Exceptions to Licensure Requirements.

These rules and regulations shall *not* be construed as preventing or restricting:

(a) any person licensed on Guam, under any other law, from engaging in the profession or occupation for which he or she is licensed;

(b) the activities and services of persons pursuing a course of study

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leading to a degree in Speech-Language Pathology at a college or university, *if* such activities and services constitute a part of an approved supervised course of study, and such person is designated a speech-language intern or trainee;

(c) the activities and services of persons presently working on their Clinical Fellowship Year ('CFY'), and such person is designated as '*CFY-Speech Language Pathologist*';

(d) the activities of any individual who works in the field of speech-language pathology, who does *not* meet the requirements of licensure and who is working under the indirect supervision of a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, respective to the individual's work. This includes activities of a speech-language assistant, who shall possess at least a Bachelor's degree in speech and language disorders. A licensed speech-language pathologist may *not* supervise more than five (5) individuals at one time. The licensed sponsor will assume all responsibilities and will meet all sponsorship requirements for such individuals as set forth by the Board.

§ 121804. Scope of Practice.

(a) **Speech Language Pathologist.** The scope of practice for speech-language pathology includes:

(1) screening, identifying, assessing and interpreting, diagnosing, rehabilitating and preventing disorders of speech (e.g. articulation, fluency, voice) and language;

(2) screening, identifying, assessing and interpreting, diagnosing, rehabilitating and preventing disorders of oral-pharyngeal function (e.g. dysphagia), and related disorders;

(3) screening, identifying, assessing and interpreting, diagnosing, and rehabilitating cognitive and communication disorders;

(4) assessing, selecting and developing augmentative and alternative communication systems, and providing training in their use;

(5) providing aural rehabilitation and related counseling services to hearing impaired individuals and their families;

(6) enhancing speech-language proficiency and communication effectiveness (e.g., accent reduction); *and*

(7) screening of hearing and other factors for the purpose of

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speech-language evaluation or the initial identification of individuals with other communication disorders.

(b) A Speech Language Assistants. A speech language assistants, as defined by this Article, must work under the indirect supervision of the speech language pathologist and may progress the plan in conjunction with the treatment goals.

**ARTICLE 19
VETERINARY MEDICINE**

§ 121901. Definitions.

§ 121902. Requirements for Licensure.

§ 121903. Exceptions to Licensure Requirements.

§ 121904. Professional Conduct; Additional Provisions.

§ 121905. Spay/Neuter Clinic.

§121906. Trained Persons Performing Animal Euthanasia.

SOURCE: This Article was added by P.L. 24-329:12.

§ 121901. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases have been defined to mean:

(a) *Animal* means any animal other than man which includes, but is not limited to, fowl, birds, fish, and reptiles, wild or domestic, living or dead.

(b) *Practice of veterinary medicine* means to diagnose, treat, correct, change, relieve or prevent animal disease, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental condition, including the prescription or administration of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic, or therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique, or the use of any manual or mechanical procedure for artificial insemination, testing for pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility, or to render advice or recommendation with regard to any of the above.

(c) *Veterinary medicine* includes veterinary surgery, obstetrics, dentistry and all other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine.

(d) *Veterinary hospital* or *veterinary clinic* means a facility for the veterinary care of animals, wherein all activities are directly supervised by a licensed veterinarian.

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(e) *Animal control* means animal health and animal population control programs that include some or all of the following services: sterilization, worming, vaccinations, general health examinations, pet licensing, and emergency or critical care services needed in conjunction with other services.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 24-329. Public Law 28-186:2 (Jan. 29, 2007) added a new subsection (d), which was already occupied. Therefore, the new subsection was renumbered to (e) by the Compiler of Laws.

§ 121902. Requirements for Licensure.

Any person desiring a license to practice veterinary medicine on Guam must be licensed in another state of the United States.

§ 121903. Exceptions to Licensure Requirements.

These rules shall *not* be construed to prohibit:

(a) a person who is a regular student in a veterinary school from performing duties or actions assigned by his instructors, or from working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian during a school vacation period;

(b) a person practicing veterinary medicine upon his own animals, being assisted in such practice by his employees when they are normally employed in the conduct of such person's business, or being assisted in such practice by some other person gratuitously; *or*

(c) A person advising or performing acts which the Board or Guam law recognizes as accepted animal control or livestock management practices, provided that animal control shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) such services must be rendered under the direction and sponsorship of a charitable organization or government agency that assumes full responsibility for the treatment or services;

(ii) veterinary services must be performed by, or under the supervision of, a person currently licensed to practice veterinary medicine in any state, province, territory, commonwealth or possession of the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Japan or the Philippines, and such other jurisdictions as the Board may from time-to-time designate. Copies of the visiting practitioners' licenses must be submitted to the Board prior to a project of animal control and shall be available on the premises for inspection. These license copies shall serve as licenses to work on an animal

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control project for no longer than eight (8) days per project. Controlled substances shall be administered pursuant to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act of Guam, Chapter 67, Title 9 GCA;

(iii) no person shall receive any fee or remuneration of any kind, other than payment of or reimbursement for travel, lodging, meals and expenses reasonably incurred by participating service providers. The sponsoring organization may charge and receive a fee or donation for services rendered, which fee shall be reasonably calculated to recover actual or anticipated project costs, including reimbursement of expenses incurred by service providers. Services shall be provided free of charge to persons receiving public assistance who are the lawful owners of animals which receive services;

(iv) animal control projects shall not be conducted by a charitable or government organization more than two (2) times per calendar year; and

(v) within thirty (30) days after each project, the project sponsor shall provide the Board with a written report identifying the number and nature of procedures performed, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all veterinarians participating in the program.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 24-239. Subsection (c) repealed and reenacted by P.L. 28-186:3 (Jan. 29, 2007).

§ 121904. Professional Conduct; Additional Provisions.

The following acts are deemed unprofessional conduct and are subject to disciplinary action as delineated in Article I, *General Regulations*, of these rules and regulations:

(a) cruelty to animals, as defined by Guam law, or as determined by the Board; *and*

(b) failure to maintain their professional premises in a sanitary condition.

§ 121905. Spay/Neuter Clinic.

A spay/neuter clinic is a facility established *only* to spay and neuter animals. Surgeries are performed by, and directly supervised by, a licensed veterinarian. Services are limited to these specific surgical procedures and are performed *only* by a licensed veterinarian.

§ 121906. Trained Persons Performing Animal Euthanasia.

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Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter 12, agents or employees of a government operated or government contracted animal shelter may lawfully possess and administer, under the supervision of a Guam licensed veterinarian, sodium pentobarbital or Xylazine for the purpose of euthanasia of animals; provided, that the agents or employees of the licensed government operated or government contracted animal shelter have successfully completed an animal euthanasia technician certification course approved by the Board of Allied Health Examiners. This training shall be conducted by a veterinarian currently registered on Guam, and shall include the following areas: knowledge of federal and Guam laws regarding the proper storage, inventory and handling of controlled substances, the potential hazards of such controlled substances, the use and administration of such controlled substances, humane animal euthanasia procedures, and other subjects as shall be required by the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners. Upon certification by the veterinarian that a person has successfully completed the course, the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners may issue an animal euthanasia technician license to said person, subject to annual renewal. The Board may revoke or suspend the license at any time for good cause.”

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 28-34:5.

**ARTICLE 20
RESPIRATORY THERAPY**

§ 122001. Definitions.

§ 122002. Qualifications for Licensure.

§ 122003. Exceptions to Licensure.

§ 122004. Scope of Practice.

§ 122005. Supportive Personnel; Delineation of Responsibilities.

SOURCE: This Article was added by P.L. 24-329:13, and amended.

§ 122001. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases are defined to mean:

(a) *'Licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist'* ('RRT') means a person who is currently a 'Registered Respiratory Therapist' credentialed by the National Board for Respiratory Care ('NBRC'), or the equivalent thereof,

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and who is currently and validly licensed to practice respiratory therapy on Guam.

(b) *'Licensed Certified Respiratory Therapist'* means a person who is currently a 'Certified Respiratory Therapist' ('CRT') (formerly 'Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician ('CRRT')') credentialed by the National Board for Respiratory Care ('NBRC'), or the equivalent thereof as accepted by the NBRC, and who assists in the treatment of patients under the indirect supervision of a licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist.

(c) *'Respiratory therapy'* means the management of pulmonary diseases with medicines and machines.

(d) *'Consultation'* means the communication regarding the patient's evaluation and proposed treatment plan with an authorized health care practitioner.

(e) *'Authorized health care practitioner'* includes licensed physicians, osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, podiatrists and dentists; provided, *however*, that nothing herein shall be construed as altering the scope of practice of such practitioners as defined in their respective licensure regulations.

SOURCE: Amended by P.L. 25-190:2.

§ 122002. Qualifications for Licensure.

Applicants for a license to practice respiratory therapy on Guam must complete and file an application with the Board. Applicants must have all of the following qualifications:

(1) Licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist:

(a) transcripts from an approved school of respiratory therapy, evidencing the successful completion of a two (2) year program, resulting in a minimum of an Associate's Degree in Respiratory Therapy;

(b) current certification as a RRT by the National Board for Respiratory Care; or

(c) have obtained RRT status from the National Board for Respiratory Care prior to January 1, 2004.

(2) Licensed Certified Respiratory Therapist or Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician:

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(a) transcripts from an approved school of respiratory therapy, evidencing the successful completion of a one (1) year program; and

(b) current certification as a Certified Respiratory Therapist by the National Board for Respiratory Care; or

(c) have obtained certification as a Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician by the National Board of Respiratory Care before July 1, 1999.

SOURCE: Amended by P.L. 25-190:3.

§ 122003. Exceptions to Licensure.

(a) No person may practice respiratory therapy on Guam who is *not* licensed as a respiratory therapist by the Board. These rules and regulations shall *not* be construed:

(1) to prohibit persons employed as respiratory therapists by a Federal agency from practicing their discipline;

(2) to restrict the activities or services of a student or respiratory therapy intern pursuing a course of study leading to a degree or certificate in respiratory therapy; *provided*, that these activities and services constitute a part of his supervised course of study;

(3) to restrict the practice of a respiratory therapist who is obtaining the required professional experience and whose required professional experience application has been approved by the Board. Such professional experience is to be defined by the Board as deemed necessary;

(4) to prohibit auxiliary services provided by respiratory therapy technicians in carrying out duties necessary for the support of respiratory therapy, including those duties which involve minor respiratory therapy services when performed under the direct supervision of licensed respiratory therapists, so long as such activities do *not* go beyond the scope of practice defined by this Chapter;

(5) to prohibit the practice of respiratory therapy by licensed respiratory therapists of other states or countries while appearing as clinicians at *bona fide* educational seminars sponsored by respiratory therapy, medical or other healing art professional associations, so long as such activities do *not* go beyond the scope of practice defined by this Chapter.

§ 122004. Scope of Practice.

(a) Registered Respiratory Therapists. The practice of respiratory care includes, but is not limited to, the services set forth in the law. The licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist provides these services for the assessment, treatment, management, evaluation and care of patients with deficiencies, abnormalities and diseases of the cardiopulmonary system with guidance from a qualified medical director, and pursuant to a referral from a physician who has medical responsibility for the patient.

(1) A person licensed under this Chapter as a Respiratory Therapist may evaluate and treat human ailments by respiratory therapy according to a physician's consultation. The evaluation shall be the Therapist's assessment of a patient's problem and shall include a respiratory therapy diagnosis. If a patient's problem is outside the scope of therapist, the therapist shall consult with a person licensed to practice medicine. If a patient, at any time, requires further medical evaluation or diagnostic testing, that patient shall be referred to an authorized health care practitioner.

(2) Direct referral of a patient by an authorized health care practitioner may be by telephone, letter or in person; provided, however, if the instructions are oral, the therapist may administer treatment accordingly, but must make a record describing the nature of the treatment, the date administered, the name of the person receiving the treatment and the name of the referring authorized health care practitioner.

(3) The practice of respiratory care by a licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist includes, but is not limited to, the following services:

(a) providing and monitoring therapeutic administration of medical gases, aerosolized humidification and pharmacological agents related to respiratory care procedures, but not including administration of anesthesia;

(b) carrying out therapeutic application and monitoring of mechanical ventilator support;

(c) providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and maintenance of natural airways and insertion, and maintenance of artificial airways;

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(d) assessing and monitoring signs, symptoms and general behavior relating to, respiratory care treatment or evaluation for treatment and diagnostic testing, including determination of whether the signs, symptoms, reactions, behavior or general response exhibit abnormal characteristics;

(e) obtaining physiological specimens and interpreting physiological data including:

(1) analyzing arterial and venous blood gases;

(2) assessing respiratory secretions;

(3) measuring ventilatory volumes, pressures, and flows;

(4) testing pulmonary function;

(5) testing and studying the cardiopulmonary system;

(6) diagnostic testing of breathing patterns related to sleeping disorders;

(7) assisting hemodynamic monitoring and support of the cardiopulmonary system;

(8) assessing and making suggestions for modifications in the treatment regimen based on abnormalities, protocols or changes in patient response to respiratory care treatment;

(9) providing cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, including respiratory care-related educational components, postural drainage, chest physiotherapy, breathing exercises, aerosolized administration of medications, and equipment use and maintenance;

(10) instructing patients and their families in techniques for the prevention, alleviation and rehabilitation of deficiencies, abnormalities and diseases of the cardiopulmonary system;

(11) assisting with management of the cardiopulmonary system and medical equipment during off-Guam transports;

(12) transcribing and implementing physician orders for respiratory care services;

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(f) services within the training and experience of the practitioner; and

(g) services within the parameters of the laws, rules and standards of the facilities in which the respiratory care practitioner practices.

(4) Respiratory care services provided by a licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist, whether delivered in a health care facility or the patient's residence, must not be provided, except upon referral from a physician.

(b) Licensed Certified Respiratory Therapists.

(1) A licensed Certified Respiratory Therapist is not an independent practitioner, and works under the indirect supervision of the licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist.

(2) A licensed Certified Respiratory Therapist will follow the treatment program set by the licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist.

(3) The practice of respiratory care by a licensed Certified Respiratory Therapist includes, but is not limited to, the following services:

(a) providing and monitoring therapeutic administration of medical gases, aerosolized humidification, and pharmacological agents related to respiratory care procedures, but not including administration of anesthesia;

(b) carrying out therapeutic application and monitoring of mechanical ventilator support;

(c) providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and maintenance of natural airways, and insertion and maintenance of artificial airways;

(d) assessing and monitoring signs, symptoms and general behavior relating to, respiratory care treatment or evaluation for treatment and diagnostic testing, including determination of whether the signs, symptoms, reactions, behavior or general response exhibit abnormal characteristics;

(e) obtaining physiological specimens and interpreting physiological data including:

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- (1) analyzing arterial and venous blood gases;
 - (2) assessing respiratory secretions;
 - (3) measuring ventilatory volumes, pressures, and flows;
 - (4) testing pulmonary function;
 - (5) assessing and making suggestions for modifications in the treatment regimen based on abnormalities, protocols or changes in patient response to respiratory care treatment;
 - (6) providing cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, including respiratory care-related educational components, postural drainage, chest physiotherapy, breathing exercises, aerosolized administration of medications, and equipment use and maintenance;
 - (7) instructing patients and their families in techniques for the prevention, alleviation and rehabilitation of deficiencies, abnormalities and diseases of the cardiopulmonary system; and
 - (8) transcribing and implementing physician orders for respiratory care services;
- (f) services within the training and experience of the practitioner; and
- (g) services within the parameters of the laws, rules and standards of the facilities in which the respiratory care practitioner practices.

(4) Respiratory care services provided by a licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist, whether delivered in a health care facility or the patient's residence, must not be provided, except upon referral from a physician.

SOURCE: Amended by P.L. 25-190:4.

§ 122005. Supportive Personnel; Delineation of Responsibilities.

A licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist is professionally and legally responsible for patient care given by supportive personnel under the Registered Respiratory Therapist's supervision. If a licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist fails to adequately supervise patient care given by

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supportive personnel, the Board may take disciplinary action against the licensee. Supervision of supportive personnel requires that the licensed Registered Respiratory Therapist perform or supervise the following activities:

- (a) provide initial evaluation of the patient;
- (b) develop a treatment plan and program, including treatment goals;
- (c) assess the competence of supportive personnel to perform assigned tasks;
- (d) select and delegate appropriate portions of the treatment plan and program;
- (e) direct and supervise supportive personnel in delegated functions;
- (f) reevaluate the patient and adjust the treatment plan as acceptable respiratory therapy practice requires, consistent with the delegated health care task;
- (g) document sufficient in-service training and periodic evaluation of performance to assure safe performance of the tasks assigned to supportive personnel; and
- (h) provide discharge planning.

SOURCE: Amended by P.L. 25-190:5.

**ARTICLE 21
NUTRITIONIST/CLINICAL DIETITIAN**

- § 122101. Definitions.
- § 122102. Qualification for Licensure; Dietitian or Nutritionist
- § 122103. Waiver of Examination Requirements; Licensure by Endorsement
- § 122104. Scope of Practice; Licensed Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists
- § 122105. Persons and Practices Not Affected
- § 122106. Prohibited Acts.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 25-329:14; repealed/reenacted by P.L. 25-192:3.

§ 122101. Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following words and phrases have been defined to mean:

- (a) *Dietitian* shall mean a person certified as a Registered Dietitian

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by the Commission on Dietetic Registration.

(b) *Nutritionist* shall mean a person who either: (1) has qualified as a diplomate of the American Board of Nutrition or as a Certified Nutrition Specialist with the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists; or (2) has received a master's or doctoral degree from an accredited college or university with a major in human nutrition, public health nutrition, clinical nutrition, nutrition education, community nutrition, or food and nutrition, and has completed a documented work experience in human nutrition or human nutrition research of at least nine hundred (900) hours.

(c) *American Dietetic Association (ADA)* is a national professional organization for nutrition and dietetics practitioners which accredits educational and pre-professional training programs in dietetics.

(d) *The Commission on Dietetic Registration ('CDR')* is a member of the National Commission for Certifying Agencies ('NCCA') and is the credentialing agency of the American Dietetic Association.

(e) *Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists ('CBNS')* is the credentialing body which certifies advanced degree nutritionists as Certified Nutrition Specialists.

(f) *Licensed Dietitian ('LD')* shall mean a person licensed by the Board to engage in dietetics or nutrition practice under this Article.

(g) *Licensed Nutritionist ('LN')* shall mean a person licensed by the Board to engage in dietetics or nutrition practice under this Article.

(h) *Medical nutrition care* means the component of nutrition care that deals with:

(1) interpreting and recommending nutrient needs relative to medically prescribed diets, including, but not limited to, tube feedings, specialized intravenous solutions and specialized oral feedings;

(2) food and prescription drug interactions; and

(3) developing and managing food service operations whose chief function is nutrition care and provision of medically prescribed diets.

(i) *Medically prescribed diet* means a diet prescribed when specific food or nutrient levels need to be monitored, altered, or both, as a component of a treatment program for an individual whose health status is impaired or at risk due to disease, injury, or surgery, and may only be performed as

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initiated by or in consultation with a licensed physician.

(j) *Nutrition assessment* means the evaluation of the nutrition needs of individuals or groups using appropriate data to determine nutrient needs or status and make appropriate nutrition recommendations.

(k) *Nutrition counseling* means advising and assisting individuals or groups on appropriate nutrition intake by integrating information from the nutrition assessment.

(l) *Nutrition services for individuals and groups* shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(1) providing nutrition assessments relative to preventive maintenance or restorative care;

(2) providing nutrition education and nutrition counseling as components of preventive maintenance or restorative care; and

(3) developing and managing systems whose chief function is nutrition care. Nutrition services for individuals and groups does not include medical nutrition care as defined in this Act.

(m) *Restorative* means the component of nutrition care that deals with oral dietary needs for individuals and groups. Activities shall relate to the metabolism of food and the requirements for nutrients, including dietary supplements for growth, development, maintenance or attainment of optimal health.

§ 122102. Qualification for Licensure; Dietitian or Nutritionist.

(a) Licensed Dietitian. The applicant for licensure as a dietitian shall:

(1) Provide evidence of current registration as a Registered Dietitian ('RD') by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR); or

(2) (i) Have received a baccalaureate or postgraduate degree from a college or university, accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation, with a major in dietetics, human nutrition, nutrition education, community nutrition, public health nutrition, foods and nutrition, or an equivalent major course

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of study, as approved by the Board. Applicants who have obtained their education outside of the United States and its territories must have their academic degree validated by the Board as equivalent to a baccalaureate or masters degree conferred by a regionally accredited college or university in the United States;

(ii) Have satisfactorily completed a program of supervised clinical experience approved by the CDR; and

(iii) Have passed the registration examination for dietitians administered by the CDR.

(b) Licensed Nutritionist. The applicant for licensure as a nutritionist shall:

(1) meet the requirements of Subsections (a)(1) or (2) of this Section; or

(2) has qualified as a diplomate of the American Board of Nutrition, or as a Certified Nutrition Specialist with the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists, or has received a master's or doctoral degree from an accredited college or university with a major in human nutrition, public health nutrition, clinical nutrition, nutrition education, community nutrition or food and nutrition, and has completed a documented work experience in human nutrition or human nutrition research of at least 900 hours.

(c) **Waiver of fees.** All fees for application and license in part (b) of this Section will be waived for all applicants who are currently licensed under part (a) of this Section.

§ 122103. Waiver of Examination Requirements; Licensure by Endorsement.

The Board may grant a license to any person who is currently registered as a Registered Dietitian by the CDR, or who is currently recognized as a diplomate of the American Board of Nutrition or as a Certified Nutrition Specialist with the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists.

§ 122104. Scope of Practice; Licensed Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists.

(a) Nutrition assessment, as defined in this Article, and including

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individual and community food practices and nutritional status using anthropometric, biochemical, clinical, dietary and demographic data, for clinical research and program planning purposes;

(b) Developing, establishing, and evaluating nutrition services for individuals and groups as defined in this Article;

(c) Nutrition counseling and education, as a part of preventive or restorative health care throughout the life cycle;

(d) Determining, applying and evaluating standards for food and nutrition services;

(e) Applying scientific research to the role of food in the maintenance of health and the treatment of disease; and

(f) Medical nutrition care and medically prescribed diets, as defined by this Article, can be provided by a licensed dietitian; however, a licensed nutritionist can only provide medical nutrition care and medically prescribed diets in consultation with a licensed physician or a licensed dietitian.

§ 122105. Persons and Practices Not Affected.

Nothing in this Article shall be construed as preventing or restricting the practice, services or activities of:

(a) any person licensed or certified on Guam by any other law from engaging in the profession or occupation for which the person is licensed or certified, or any person under the supervision of the licensee or certified individual when rendering services within the scope of the profession or occupation of the licensee or certificant; and any person with a bachelor's degree in home economics or health education from furnishing nutrition information incidental to the practice of that person's profession;

(b) any dietitian or nutritionist serving in the Armed Forces or the Public Health Service of the United States, or employed by the Veterans Administration when performing duties associated with that service or employment;

(c) any person pursuing a supervised course of study leading to a degree or certificate in dietetics or nutrition at an accredited education program, if the person is designated by a title which clearly indicates the person's status as a student or trainee;

(d) any person when acting under the direction and supervision of a

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person licensed under this Article, in the execution of a plan of treatment authorized by the licensed person;

(e) an educator who is employed by a nonprofit organization approved by the Board; a Federal, territorial, or other political subdivision; an elementary or secondary school; or an accredited institution of higher education, insofar as the activities and services of the educator are part of such employment;

(f) any person who markets or distributes food, food materials, or dietary supplements, or any person who engages in the explanation of the use and benefits of those products, or the preparation of those products, as long as that person does not represent oneself as a licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist, and provides to the client a disclaimer, in writing, stating such; or (g) any person who provides general or gratuitous nutrition information, as long as the provider does not represent oneself as a licensed dietitian, or licensed nutritionist, and provides to the client a disclaimer stating such.

§ 122106. Prohibited Acts.

(a) Unauthorized Practice. Except as otherwise provided under this Article, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice dietetics or nutritional services on Guam, unless licensed by the Board.

(b) Misrepresentation of Title. Except as otherwise provided under this Article, a person may not represent or imply to the public by use of the title 'licensed dietitian' or 'licensed nutritionist,' by other title, by description of services, methods or procedures that the person is authorized to practice dietetics or nutritional services on Guam.

(c) Misuse of Words and Terms. Unless authorized to engage in dietetics or nutrition practice under this Article, a person may not use the words '*dietitian*,' '*registered dietician*' or '*licensed dietitian*,' '*nutritionist*,' '*nutrition specialist*' or '*licensed nutritionist*,' alone or in combination, or the terms 'LD,' 'RD' or 'D,' 'LN,' 'NS' or 'N,' or any facsimile or combination in any words, letters, abbreviations or insignia.

**ARTICLE 22
NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR**

§ 122201. Nursing Home Administrator.

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- § 122202. Authority.
- § 122203. Qualification.
- § 122204. Application for Licensure.
- § 122205. Licensure by Examination.
- § 122206. Licensure by Endorsement/Reciprocity.
- § 122207. Courses of Instruction and Training.
- § 122208. Present Administrators.
- § 122209. Renewal of License.

SOURCE: The Article was added by P.L. 24-329:15.

§ 122201. Nursing Home Administrator.

A nursing home shall be administered by a licensed Nursing Home Administrator.

§ 122202. Authority.

The Board shall issue a license to practice as a nursing home administrator to any applicant who meets the qualification for licensure upon submission of an application and payment of the required fee.

§ 122203. Qualification for Licensure.

An applicant for a nursing home administrator license shall apply to the Board of Licensure on forms provided by the Board. The applicant shall submit:

- (a) proof of age;
- (b) proof of physical and emotional capability to administer the nursing home;
- (c) a notarized copy of a diploma, or evidence satisfactory to the Board of having successfully completed an accredited course of study or training as a nursing home or health administrator, approved by the Board (The program shall consist of both theory and practical experience.); *and*
- (d) have a personal interview with the Board, as requested.

§ 122204. Application for License.

Any person who desires to practice as a Nursing Home Administrator on Guam, and meets the qualifications contained in § 122203 of this Chapter, shall complete and submit his application on the form provided by the Board and file all required documents. The Board may request for a personal interview with the applicant.

§ 122205. Licensure by Examination.

Having successfully passed an examination administered by the Board designed to test competency in the following areas:

- (1) working knowledge of the needs to be served by nursing homes;
- (2) laws governing the operation of nursing homes, including prosecution of the interests of patients; *and*
- (3) elements of good nursing home administrator.

Payment for the required fee.

§ 122206. Licensure by Endorsement/Reciprocity.

The Board may issue a nursing home administrator's license to any person who holds a current license as a nursing home administrator from another U.S. jurisdiction; *provided*, that the standards for licensure are equivalent to those prevailing on Guam, and the applicant meets the qualification and payment of the required fee.

§ 122207. Courses of Instruction and Training.

The Board shall make provisions for courses and training on Guam for interested applicants to meet the requirements of this Chapter.

§ 122208. Present Administrators.

Persons who, on the effective date of this Chapter, have been actively engaged as a Nursing Home Administrator for at least two (2) years next preceding such effective date, but do *not* meet the requirements in force pursuant to this Article, shall be issued a temporary license without evidence of satisfactory completion of a course of instructions, training and without examination, but any such licenses shall expire no later than June 30, 2001.

§ 122209. Renewal of License.

The Nursing Home Administrator's license shall be valid for two (2) years, nontransferable, and shall be renewed biennially thereafter on or before September 30th on forms provided by the Board and payment of the fee.

NOTE: P.L. 24-329:16 added the following uncodified language with respect to codification:Reserving and Amending Specific Chapters. Subsequent Chapters after Chapter 23 up to Chapter 30 of Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated shall be reserved

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for the Board of Allied Health Examiners. Chapter 9 through Chapter 30 of Article 12 of Title 10 of the of the Guam Code Annotated are hereby amendable through the Administrative Adjudication Law, Rule Making Procedures.

However, the stated Chapters have long been occupied by other subject mater which has not been repealed. The Compiler is uncertain of the meaning of this Section.
