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IDPH INFORMATION NOTICE: 2014-P2 Revision to Chapter 42, “Permit to Operate Ionizing Radiation Producing Machines or Administer Radioactive Materials”

ADDRESSEES: All Iowa facilities with bone densitometry units

PURPOSE:

This IDPH Information Notice is to remind all facilities with bone densitometry units that the effective date of the new permit to practice requirements for operators of bone densitometry units is approaching. IDPH Information Notice 2014-P1 informed all facilities with bone densitometry units that revised 641 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) Chapter 42 rules went into effect on March 13, 2013 which require all individuals who operate bone densitometry units to hold an Iowa permit to practice and meet minimum training and testing requirements after January 1, 2015. Please read this Information Notice carefully and consult the IDPH website [www.idph.state.ia.us/permitstooperate/](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/permitstooperate/) to access the forms cited in this notice.

WHAT THIS MEANS

By January 1, 2015, all individuals operating a bone densitometry unit must have a current permit to practice. This permit can be in any one of the following:

1. General or limited (any category) radiologic technologist,
2. Nuclear medicine technologist,
3. Radiation therapist, OR
4. X-ray Equipment Operator in bone densitometry.

**If your bone densitometry operators already hold an Iowa permit to practice,** no further action is required.

**If your operators do not have a permit and qualify under 1., 2., or 3. above,** each individual should visit the Bureau of Radiological Health website and click on the appropriate permit category to submit the appropriate application.

**If your operators do not have a permit and do not qualify for 1., 2., or 3. above,** each individual should visit the Bureau of Radiological Health website and complete an application for the “X-ray Equipment Operator” category.

**Individuals applying for a bone densitometry permit prior to January 1, 2015** must submit proof of completion of formal education in the form of manufacturer's training or equivalent training as is currently required in 641 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) Chapter 41 under the bone densitometry rules.

**Individuals applying for a bone densitometry permit after January 1, 2015** must meet the training and testing requirements outlined in 641 IAC Chapter 42 for bone densitometry. Applicants should contact the Bureau of Radiological Health for information regarding approved training programs and testing procedures. Information will be posted on the Bureau of Radiological Health website as it becomes available in early 2015.

FACILITY RESPONSIBILITY

After January 1, 2015, each facility must have a permit to practice on file for each individual performing bone densitometry procedures. Individuals and facilities who fail to comply with these rules after January 1, 2015 may be subject to enforcement action by the Department.

REMEMBER

The x-ray equipment operator permit in bone densitometry is intended only for those individuals who are performing bone densitometry procedures and do not qualify for any of the other permit modalities.

If you have any questions regarding the permit process, please contact Charlene Craig at 515-281-0415 or [charlene.craig@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:charlene.craig@idph.iowa.gov).

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