

148.781 CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNICIAN.

Subdivision 1. **Application.** This section applies to persons who perform the functions of a central service technician in a health care facility.

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given:

(1) "central service technician" means a person who decontaminates, inspects, assembles, packages, and sterilizes reusable medical instruments or devices used by a health care facility;

(2) "health care facility" means a hospital or ambulatory surgical center; and

(3) "health care practitioner" means an individual regulated by a health-related licensing board as defined in section 214.01, subdivision 2, or by the commissioner of health under sections 148.511 to 148.5198, to the extent the individual provides services in a health care facility and the tasks of a central service technician are within the individual's scope of practice. Health care practitioner includes an intern, resident, or fellow who performs or assists with surgery.

Subd. 3. **Requirements for central service technician.** (a) A health care facility shall employ or otherwise retain the services of a central service technician only if the central service technician:

(1) has successfully passed a nationally accredited examination for central service technicians and holds and maintains one of the following credentials administered by a nationally accredited central service technician credentialing organization: a certified registered central service technician credential, a certified endoscope reprocessor credential, a certified sterile processing and distribution technician credential, or a certified flexible endoscope reprocessor credential; or

(2) provides evidence that the person was employed by or was retained as a central service technician by a health care facility on or before December 31, 2027.

(b) A central service technician who does not meet the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (1), shall have 24 months from the date of hire to obtain a certified registered central service technician credential, a certified endoscope reprocessor credential, a certified sterile processing and distribution technician credential, or a certified flexible endoscope reprocessor credential.

(c) A person who qualifies to operate as a central service technician in a health care facility under paragraph (a) must annually complete ten hours of continuing education credits to remain qualified to operate as a central service technician. The continuing education required under this paragraph must be related to the functions of a central service technician.

(d) Nothing in this subdivision shall prohibit the following persons from performing the tasks or functions of a central service technician:

(1) a health care practitioner;

(2) a person who holds or maintains a registration, certification, or license by a nationally accredited credentialing organization to perform health care services; or

(3) a student or intern performing the functions of a central service technician under the direct supervision of a health care practitioner as part of the student's or intern's training or internship.

(e) A health care facility shall, upon the written request of a central service technician, verify in writing the central service technician's dates of employment or the contract period during which the central service technician provided services to the health care facility.

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