

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided that a home health agency would facilitate home health care to the public under the order of a physician.

New law changes prior law and states that a home health agency shall provide home health care to the public under the order of an authorized healthcare provider.

New law defines "authorized healthcare provider" as a physician, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized to order home healthcare services consistent with state law.

Prior law provided that home health agencies would admit patients for skilled care only on the order of a physician.

New law changes who may submit an order to admit patients for skilled care from a physician to an authorized healthcare provider.

Prior law provided, among other requirements, that a person could meet one of the following conditions in order to be an administrator of a house health agency:

- (1) Was a college graduate with a bachelor's degree.
- (2) Had had three additional years of documented experience in a healthcare delivery service.
- (3) Had an associate degree.
- (4) Had had six additional years of documented administrative and managerial experience in a governmental or corporate setting other than in a healthcare delivery service, having supervised at least twenty employees and handled administration of the daily operations of the organization, including the budget process. Such person would have held no more than three positions in the six-year time period.

New law repeals the requirement for six additional years of documented administrative and managerial experience.

New law provides, among other requirements, that a person may meet one of the following conditions in order to be an administrator of a home health agency:

- (1) Is employed as an administrator on or after January 13, 2018, and is a college graduate with a bachelor's degree.
- (2) Is employed as an administrator prior to January 13, 2018, and has had three additional years of documented experience in a healthcare delivery service.
- (3) Is an administrator who has experience in health service administration with at least one year of supervisory or administrative experience related to home health care or home healthcare programs.

New law requires the administrator of each agency to comply with the minimum continuing education requirements established by the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health.

New law requires the La. Dept. of Health to submit a report to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on the implementation of new law.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 11, 2021).

(Amends R.S. 40:2116.31(B) and 2116.34(A)(1), (7), and (10)(c) - (e); Adds R.S. 40:2116.34(A)(12); Repeals R.S. 40:2116.34(A)(10)(f))

