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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board Members

FROM: Lisa Emrich, Program Manager

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SUBJECT: Approval of Testing Organizations – Dialysis Technicians

Section 4723.751, ORC, authorizes the Board to adopt rules for approval of national testing organizations for Dialysis Technicians. Rule 4723-23-10(A), OAC, specifies the following requirements for the testing organizations:

- (1) Be national in the scope of its testing and credentialing;
- (2) Maintain files for each candidate who passes the organization's examination for dialysis technicians;
- (3) Issue a certificate to each individual who passes the organization's examination for dialysis technicians;
- (4) Periodically conduct an analysis of the tasks, role delineation, skills, and knowledge required of a dialysis technician with a minimum of six months experience in providing dialysis care and revise the examination as needed to reflect the findings of the analysis;
- (5) Require a minimum of six months experience in dialysis care before the candidate is allowed to take the examination;
- (6) Provide a formal process by which an affected individual may appeal the organization's decision to revoke certification when the organization has such revocation authority;
- (7) Provide a mechanism for assuring the security of the examination;
- (8) Not be affiliated in any way with a provider of dialysis care or with a dialysis technician training program; and
- (9) Include on the examination material which comprehensively tests the following:
 - (a) Patient care activities which include but are not limited to:
 - (i) Collection of objective and subjective data about the patient's condition;
 - (ii) The patient's response to dialysis; and
 - (iii) Appropriate interventions when complications arise in conjunction with dialysis;
 - (b) Principles of dialysis delivery systems and machine technology which include but are not limited to:
 - (i) Operation of the machines used in dialysis;

- (ii) Machine set-up; and
- (iii) Machine evaluation;
- (c) Principles of water treatment systems which include but are not limited to:
 - (i) System components and design;
 - (ii) Maintenance of the water treatment system;
 - (iii) Monitoring of the water treatment system; and
 - (iv) Evaluation of the system;
- (d) Principles of dialyzer reprocessing including but not limited to reprocessing procedures, testing, and evaluation; and
- (e) Responsibilities of the dialysis technician with respect to documentation, patient education, and professional development.

The national organizations below meet the above requirements and are recommended for approval.

1. Board of Nephrology Examiners Nursing and Technology (BONENT)
2. Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC)