Continuing Education Requirement for Renewal of IV Therapy Certification

Revisions in Chapter 3 of the Wyoming State Board of Nursing Administrative Rules and Regulations were effective June 22, 2009. The rules outline the expanded role for the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) administering intravenous (IV) Therapy and identify the need for 10 hours of continuing education every two years OR a refresher course during the renewal cycle. This means that LPNs who are IV certified will be required to have completed 10 hours of education related to IV therapy or a refresher course by December 31st, 2012 during license renewal in order to retain IV therapy certification.

1) Unless renewed by December 31, 2012 any LPN IV certification will lapse.
2) LPNs must submit proof of completing 10 contact hours of continuing education (CEs) related to IV therapy OR complete a board approved LPN IV Refresher course to renew their IV certification.
3) LPNs with current IV certification that do not have the requirements to renew their IV certification should renew their LPN license by December 31 and let the IV certification lapse. (There is no charge to add IV Certification to your LPN license but there is a $35 late fee to process an LPN license renewal after December 31, 2012.)
4) Any LPN whose IV certification lapses on January 1, 2013 shall not perform IV therapy until they renew the LPN IV certification.
5) Anyone whose IV certification lapses shall be able to renew the LPN IV certification for up to two (2) years by completing 10 CEs related to IV Therapy OR successfully completing a board approved IV refresher course and submitting proof to the WSBN.
6) The continued competency requirement of 10 contact hours of continuing education related to IV therapy OR taking a board approved IV refresher course shall apply during the regular license renewal period every two years on the even numbered year.
7) Online courses or facility programs that contribute to an understanding of the administration of IV therapy are acceptable for education credit. Examples of topics would include electrolyte balance, vascular anatomy, acid –base balance, IV medications, site preparation and protocols, LPN scope R/T IV therapy, Pump programming and operation inservices, infection control, principles of IV therapy, fluid management, blood borne infections, etc. are acceptable for IV contact hours. Proof of course completion and contact hours shall be submitted to WSBN.
8) Continuing education IV courses may be found online. The WSBN website will provide listings of facilities providing refresher courses that contact us.