

patients before, during, and following procedures; evaluate the satisfactory preparation of patients before beginning procedures; complete documentation within electronic health records as necessary; and recognize and respond appropriately to emergency situations.

2. Nuclear Medicine Technologists in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) possess the education and certification required by VA qualification standards. See VA Handbook 5005, Staffing, part II, appendix G19, dated December 10, 2019.

3. VA Nuclear Medicine Technologists practice in accordance with the Nuclear Medicine Technologist Scope of Practice and Performance Standards from the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI), available at <https://www.snmmi.org/Technologists>. Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board and the American Registry of Radiologic Technology, the two national certifying bodies of Nuclear Medicine Technologists, follow the SNMMI standards. VA reviewed license and certification requirements for this occupation in September 2023 and confirmed that all Nuclear Medicine Technologists in VA followed SNMMI standards.

4. Although VA only requires a certification, 34 States require a State license in order to practice as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist in that State: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Of those, 24 States exempt Federal employees from their State license requirements: Alaska, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

VA reviewed license and certification requirements for this occupation in September 2023 and confirmed there was no variance in how VA Nuclear Medicine Technologists practice in any State.

Request for Information

1. Are there any additional trainings for the aforementioned tasks and duties where VA is preempting States that we should consider?

2. Are there any factors that would inhibit or delay the implementation of the aforementioned tasks and duties for VA health care professionals in any States?

3. Is there any variance in tasks and duties that we have not listed?

4. What should we consider when preempting conflicting State laws, rules, regulations, or requirements regarding supervision of individuals working toward obtaining their license or unlicensed personnel?

5. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about this national standard of practice?

Signing Authority

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved and signed this document on April 25, 2024, and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans' Family, Caregiver and Survivor Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch.

10, that the Veterans' Family, Caregiver and Survivor Advisory Committee will meet virtually on June 3, 2024. The meeting session will begin and end as follows:

Date	Time
June 3, 2024	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted via WebEx.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of VA with respect to the administration of benefits by VA for services to Veterans' families, caregivers and survivors.

On June 3, 2024, the agenda will include opening remarks from the Executive Sponsor, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the Committee Chair. The primary purpose of this meeting is to finalize the Committee's report and/or recommendations to the Secretary of VA.

The public are invited to attend in listening-mode. The chat function will be disabled. Due to the limited time for this meeting, there will be no public comments. However, individuals wishing to submit written comments may send them to VHA12CSPFAC@va.gov before Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

All attending should register at the following link: <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/webink/register/r0bd23443e38ea0cd101657e56e5c5fff>. Once registered, an email with the link for the June 3rd Webinar will be sent to your inbox (Note: also check Junk Mail Folder for an email from messenger@webex.com). Anyone seeking additional information should contact Dr. Betty Moseley Brown, at Betty.MoseleyBrown@va.gov.

Dated: May 9, 2024.

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