

CHAPTER 33-03-38 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

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SECTION 1: Section 33-03-38-07 is amended as follows:

33-03-38-07. Recertification.

1. A community health worker certification expires on December thirty-first of even-numbered years, except that certifications issued before January 1, 2028 do not expire until December 31, 2028.
2. A certification may be renewed by December thirty-first of even-numbered years by filing a recertification application on forms provided by the department and a recertification fee of thirty dollars if the community health worker's certification is current and in good standing with the department and grounds for denial under section 33-03-38-08 do not exist.
3. For an applicant who receives initial certification after July first of an even-numbered year, the certification is automatically recertified on December thirty-first for one additional certification period without payment of an additional recertification fee or submission of a recertification application.
4. The applicant shall complete twelve hours of department-approved virtual or in-person continuing education in topics related to the scope of practice of a community health worker, including two hours of legal and ethical responsibilities.
5. If the recertification application and recertification fee are not received by December thirty-first, the certification expires, and the community health worker may not practice as a community health worker.
6. If an individual with an expired community health worker certification is identified as continuing to practice, the department shall notify the individual and the individual's employer, if known, that the individual immediately shall cease practicing as a community health worker until the recertification

process is completed and the individual's certification status becomes current.

7. For thirty days after expiration, an expired license may be renewed by complying with subsections 2 and 4, notwithstanding the deadline under subsection 2.
8. If an expired certification is not renewed within thirty days after expiration, an expired certification may not be renewed, and an applicant shall apply for initial certification.
9. The continuing education requirement may be waived by the department acting on a request for waiver by the community health worker which satisfactorily explains the community health worker's need for a waiver.

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