

ACTION REQUIRED

AB 2675 (Strickland), CHAPTER 421, STATUTES OF 2006

Affects: Group Homes (GHs), Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs), and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs)

Subject: Community Care Facilities (and RCFEs): Continuing Education: Online Courses for Administrator Certification Training

Summary: AB 2675 amends Health and Safety Code Sections 1522.41 (pertaining to GHs), 1562.3 (pertaining to ARFs), and 1569.616 (pertaining to RCFEs) relating to continuing education for administrators.

For GHs and ARFs, AB 2675 adds the following provisions to statute, which mirror existing RCFE statutory provisions:

- Up to one-half of the required 40 hours of continuing education for administrators may now be satisfied through an online course(s). (Previously, all of the required 40 hours had to be classroom hours.)
- Licensing representatives may inspect certification training programs and continuing education courses, including online courses, *at no charge to the Department*. In other words, a vendor cannot charge a licensing representative(s) who attends a course(s) for the purpose of ensuring that the course(s) complies with regulations.
- A vendor of online programs for continuing education must ensure that each online course meets the following criteria:
 - Contains an interactive portion.
 - Requires the use of a personal identification number or personal identification information.
 - Has a final screen displaying a printable statement, to be signed by the participant, certifying that the participant completed the course. Vendors must keep a copy of the signed statement of completion for three years and make it available to the Department upon demand. Any person who certifies information that he/she knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor.

For GHs, ARFs and RCFEs, this legislation clarifies that *all other continuing education hours for administrators must be completed in a classroom setting*.

Implementation: These provisions have an effective date of January 1, 2007. These provisions are self-implementing; however, regulations may be developed.

