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To: All Podiatric Medical Assistants (PMAs)
From: Ann Hammer, Program Director
DSHS Medical Radiologic Technologist (MRT) Program
Subject: Voluntary Non-Certified Technician (NCT) Registration with DSHS and new
Continuing Education Requirement for NCT Registrants

Registration as a NCT with the Department of State Health Services is voluntary for PMAs who are registered with the Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners. Please be aware that if you completed the Texas Podiatric Medical Association's Podiatry PMA Radiology Training (as allowed in the MRT Program rules at Title 25, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 140.522(e)) and you have not completed the NCT training (specified in Title 25, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 140.518(d)), you are not required to register as an NCT with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Please also note that if you choose to register with DSHS as an NCT, you will be required to complete 6 hours of Continuing Education (CE) every renewal period. This will apply to all NCTs whose registrations expire on or after 12/01/2009. This requirement will apply every 2 years thereafter.

The MRT Program rules concerning continuing education require that, in order to renew your NCT registration, you must complete 6 hours of continuing education during the biennial review period. The continuing education activities may include verifiable independent self-study of reading materials, audio materials, audiovisual materials, or programs online, attendance and participation in instructor-directed activities, or a combination thereof. CE credits may be offered by accredited institutions, such as hospitals and clinics, by professional organizations or associations, or by federal, state, or local governmental entities. You may also contact your employer for CE guidance. CPR is also acceptable.

If you have questions about this notice, you may also contact the MRT Program by phone at 512/834-6617, by fax at 512/834-6677, or e-mail us at mrt@dshs.state.tx.us. We encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mrt> for frequently updated information, including rules, laws, fees, publications and forms.