

Provider Approval for Purposes of Administration of IV Therapies

Effective January 1, 2013, the Naturopathic Doctors Act is amended to add Section 3640.8 [Senate Bill 1446 Negrete-McLeod, Statutes of 2012 (Chapter 333)] to expressly permit the administration of intravenous (IV) therapies by licensed naturopathic doctors practicing in California. There is no requirement that licensed naturopathic doctors who do not administer IV therapies complete IV training given by providers approved under this section.

Provider approval by the Committee for IV therapy training requirements does not equate to a general grant of approval for continuing education courses for California NDs. Providers seeking approval for continuing education courses must still separately obtain approval from one of the other statutorily mandated approvers.

Questions about the provider and course application process should be directed to the Committee at: naturopathic@dca.ca.gov

Standards for Compliance

California law requires that a naturopathic doctor must first satisfy the following criteria in order to administer intravenous (IV) therapies (Business and Professions Code Section 3640.8 (a) (1) and (2):

- Has a current naturopathic doctor license in California.
- Has completed a qualifying course on IV therapy from a course provider approved by the Committee.

Standards for Provider Approval

- Course provider should provide curriculum vitae that demonstrates education and training which qualifies them as a subject matter expert in IV therapies.
- Provider approval will be determined by at least one licensed naturopathic doctor to ensure provider can deliver IV therapy education in alignment with naturopathic medical practice.
- Provider should be a qualified professional such a ND, MD, or DO with expertise in naturopathic IV therapies.

Standards for Course Approval

- Courses must pertain to the practice of intravenous (IV) therapies as they relate to applicable naturopathic formulary substances .
- Courses must meet the requirements of Business and Professions Code Section 3640.8 (b)*
- Course approval does not imply approval of continuing education credits by the Committee.

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Provider or Licensee Application Process

1. To apply for the Committee's approval as an IV therapy training provider please see the Intravenous Training Provider Application ND- 200, which can be found below on Page 4, or on our web site at:
<http://www.naturopathic.ca.gov/formspubs/index.shtml>
2. Items that will assist the Committee in making a determination should be attached to the application:
 - curriculum vitae (one for each provider or teacher)
 - course description and outline
 - course or provider brochure(s)
3. E-mail electronic copies of application and attachments to naturopathic@dca.ca.gov. The Committee will also accept original or faxed applications and attachments: our fax number is 916/928-4787.
4. The Committee will respond to the application by providing either a confirmation, denial, or request for more information. If you have not received a response within 30 days, please contact the Committee at: naturopathic@dca.ca.gov

*B & P Code Section

3640.8. (b) The qualifying course shall consist of a minimum of 25 classroom hours on IV administration through injection of applicable naturopathic formulary substances, of which at least 14 classroom hours shall be identified as practicum. At a minimum, the qualifying course shall have covered all of the following topics:

(1) Evaluation of laboratory results, including, but not limited to, the fluid status, cardiovascular status, and kidney function of the patient.

(2) The use of IV fluids, including, but not limited to, osmolarity calculations, diluents, and admixtures pertinent to IV therapeutics.

(3) Sterile techniques and admixing.

(4) Vein and site selection, site preparation, and insertion techniques.

(5) Complications with therapies, nutrient and drug interactions, errors and adverse reactions, reporting errors to appropriate agencies, error prevention, and followup with patient complications.

(6) Emergency protocols, management, and referral.

(7) Pharmacology, indications, preparation, and IV administration of vitamins, minerals, amino acids, glutathione, botanicals and their extracts, homeopathic medicines, electrolytes, sugars, and diluents.

(8) Practicum, including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) Observation of at least 10 IV setups, including administration and management.

(B) Successful completion of at least 10 IV setups, including administration and management.

(9) Successful completion of an examination with 70 percent or greater correct answers to a minimum of 50 questions, where 10 percent or more of the questions have direct content to the California formulary.

(c) For the purposes of the qualifying course required by this section, one classroom hour is defined as 50 minutes out of each 60-minute segment and may include time devoted to examinations. No credit shall be granted for distance education, including, but not limited to, correspondence courses, Internet courses, or video or remote television offerings.

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APPLICATION FOR PROVIDER APPROVAL FOR ADMINISTRATION OF INTRAVENOUS THERAPIES

(Please type or print clearly in ink)

1. PROVIDER BUSINESS NAME

2. PROVIDER STREET ADDRESS: Number & Street

City	State/Country	Zip/Postal Code
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3. PROVIDER MAIL ADDRESS: Number & Street

City	State/Country	Zip/Postal Code
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4. PROVIDER TELEPHONE *(with Area Code)*

5. E-mail

6. Web Site

7. LICENSEE: Name & License #	Last	First	License #
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8. LICENSEE ADDRESS: Number & Street

City	State/Country	Zip/Postal Code
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9. LICENSEE TELEPHONE *(with Area Code)*

10. E-mail

Provider & Licensee Instructions:

1. Providers: Please complete 1. Thru 6. only.
Licensees: Please complete 1. Thru 10.
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INFORMATION COLLECTION AND ACCESS

Agency requesting information: California Department of Consumer Affairs, Naturopathic Medicine Committee, 1300 National Drive, Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95834-1991, (916) 928-4785, www.naturopathic.ca.gov.

The information provided will be used to help determine qualifications for course providers for intravenous therapies per Section 3640.8 of the California Business and Professions Code. The Executive Officer of the Naturopathic Medicine Committee of California is the custodian of records.

