

Subject Central service technicians

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Overview

This bill establishes qualifications that an individual performing the duties of a central service technician must meet in order to work at a hospital or ambulatory surgical center. A central service technician decontaminates, inspects, assembles, packages, and sterilizes reusable medical instruments at a health care facility.

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1	Central service technician.
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Adds § 148.781. Establishes requirements central service technicians must meet to be employed by or work at hospitals or ambulatory surgical centers.

Subd. 1. Application. Provides this section applies to people who perform the duties of a central service technician in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines terms for this section: central service technician, health care facility, and health care practitioner.

Subd. 3. Requirements for central service technician. In order for a health care facility to employ an individual to work as a central service technician, requires the individual to either:

- Have passed an examination for central service technicians and hold one of the listed credentials; or
- Provide evidence that the individual worked at a health care facility as a central service technician on or before December 31, 2027.

Provides a central service technician who does not meet the examination and credential requirements has 24 months from the date of hire to obtain one of the listed credentials. Requires a central service technician working at a health care facility to annually complete ten hours of continuing education related to the functions of a central service technician, and provides this section does not prohibit health care practitioners, individuals credentialed to perform health care

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services, and health care practitioner students and interns operating under supervision from performing the duties of a central service technician. Requires a health care facility, at a central service technician's request, to verify the technician's dates of employment or contract period.

Effective date: This section is effective 180 days following final enactment.



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