

PENNSYLVANIA MQSA MEDICAL PHYSICIST APPROVAL LIST REQUIREMENTS

If a Medical Physicist is NOT board certified, licensed or approved in another state, the Medical Physicist shall meet the following requirements:

- 1.) Have a bachelor's degree or higher in a physical science from an accredited institution with no less than 20 semester hours or equivalent of college undergraduate or graduate level physics.

This requirement can be satisfied by having a photocopy of college transcripts sent to the Bureau of Radiation Protection for review.

- 2.) Have 40 contact hours of documented specialized training in conducting surveys of mammography facilities.

This requirement can be satisfied by providing certificates of training or letters of attestation. Time spent in the actual performance of surveys can also be used to meet the 40 contact hours training requirement in conducting surveys, or double counted, at a rate of two hours for each unit survey.

- 3.) Have the experience of conducting surveys on a total of at least 20 mammography units under the direct supervision of a medical physicist who meets the requirements of the Federal regulation 21 CFR 900.12(a)(3)(i) and (iii). No more than one survey of a specific unit within a period of 60 days can be counted toward the total mammography unit survey requirement.

This requirement can be satisfied by providing a list of the facilities where the mammography units were located, the dates the surveys were performed, the hours per each survey, and the name and telephone number of a contact person, who can verify the survey at each of the mammography facilities.

- 4.) Have an average of 5 continuing education units (CEUs) in mammography for each year beginning with the date of initial approval or 15 CEUs in 36 months.

This requirement can be satisfied by **providing copies of certificates**, given at the completion of the continuing education courses, **to each facility surveyed**.

Note that the requirements for Continuing Education and Continuing Experience, under 21 CFR 900.12(a)(3)(iii)(A) **and** 21 CFR 900.12(a)(3)(iii)(B), respectively, of the Federal regulation shall be met by **providing copies** of course certificates and a list of mammography units surveyed to each mammography facility.

Send the required documents to DEP - Bureau of Radiation Protection, PO Box 8469, Harrisburg PA 17105-8469, Attention: Carol Llewellyn.