Summary of Revisions to Chapter 59A-25, Home Medical Equipment Provider

Three of the six rules in the chapter were revised, effective May 4, 2015, as summarized below.

59A-25.001 Definitions

The definitions for “Central Service Center” and “Distribution centers” were updated to clarify that a central service center and its distribution centers must be wholly owned and operated by the same entity or individual and all must be separately licensed.

The definitions for Class I to IV deficiencies were deleted from this rule because the requirements are now in state law at 408.813, Florida Statutes.

59A-25.002 Licensure Requirements

Language is added to clarify that this rule only regulates provision of equipment to consumers in Florida.

The licensure application form is updated, including the application checklist, the $4.50 Consumer Price Index license fee increase already in effect due to 408.805(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and the web site location.

The paragraphs on licensure, financial and background screening requirements are removed since the requirements are in Chapter 408, Part II, F.S. and Rule Chapter 59A-35, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

The form for change of address is updated to include change of name. Since the time frame for advance notification of such changes is in 59A-35.040(2), F.A.C., the time frame is removed from this rule. Also, the fee is now in 59A-35.050(4), F.A.C., and was removed from this rule.

59A-25.005 Compliance

The paragraphs about the classifications of violations, fines and survey requirements that are already in Chapter 408, Part II, F.S. and Rule Chapter 59A-35, F.A.C. were removed. References to the specific sections in those state laws and rules were added.