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INFORMATION NOTICE

This is an official notice of the Radiologic Health Branch (RHB) and posted on [RHB's Website](#) under What's New and throughout other applicable RHB webpages.

Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Re: Scope of Practice for Certified Technologists, Nuclear Medicine

Currently, Certified Technologists, Nuclear Medicine (CTNM), as defined in Title 17, California Code of Regulations (17 CCR) section 30500, may only administer unsealed radiopharmaceuticals for therapeutic purposes orally provided the CTNM's certification includes the scope specified in 17 CCR 30533(a)(4) and the administration is done under direct supervision as specified in 17 CCR 30521(a)(2).

Following a review of the current CTNM education, training and experience requirements of nationally recognized certification organizations, such as the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board, the Department will grant an exemption from 17 CCR 30521(a)(2) to CTNMs whose certification includes the scope specified in 17 CCR 30533(a)(4), allowing them to administer any radiopharmaceuticals for therapeutic purposes, provided the supervisor (17 CCR 30510) is physically nearby to the room or location where the CTNM is performing the procedure and capable of providing immediate assistance. The supervisor remains responsible for the CTNM's supervision.

This exemption becomes effective January 1, 2025 and shall remain valid until rescinded or until regulations modifying CTNM certification requirements and scope authorizations are adopted. Compliance with the laws and regulations governing the use of radioactive materials for therapy or diagnosis will continue to be evaluated during inspections conducted by CDPH-RHB inspectors.

All 17 CCR provisions cited in this notice are accessible at [RHB's Law and Regulation webpage](#)



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