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Rhode Island Department of Health Policy Update Regarding Lead-Safe Remodeler/Renovator Certification

The Rhode Island Department of Health (HEALTH) is amending its Rules and Regulations for Lead Poisoning Prevention [R23-23.6-PB] (Regulations) and has adopted the following policies while working on these revisions:

- A training certificate issued for a HEALTH-certified Lead-Safe Remodeler/Renovator training course is valid for 5 years from the course completion date.
- In lieu of an individual license, HEALTH may choose to accept a valid Lead Renovator training certificate working under the authority of a firm licensed by HEALTH.
- HEALTH is encouraging the following practices and may consider evidence of these practices to offset penalties in cases in which Renovators are found to be in violation of RRP requirements:
 - Complete an EPA Lead Renovation Checklist, or the equivalent, and provide a signed copy to the property owner.
 - Perform the EPA Cleaning Verification Procedure pursuant to the RRP Rule if the owner is responsible to arrange the dust wipe clearance inspection.
- Follow RRP requirements at HEALTH-regulated facilities and work for compensation at target housing.

The following requirements remain unchanged:

- A Certified Lead Renovator is not required for activities that disturb less than 6 square feet of lead paint per interior room or 20 square feet of exterior lead paint, provided that the work does not include window replacement or interior demolition and no prohibited work practices are used.
- A Certified Lead Renovator is required to be on-site to perform and/or supervise all renovation, repair, and painting or lead hazard control activities.
- A Certified Lead Renovator must work under the authority of a Lead Hazard Control Firm licensed by HEALTH.
- A Start Work Notification must be received by HEALTH for all lead hazard control projects performed to remove lead paint or eliminate lead hazards.
- A clearance inspection by a lead inspector or technician licensed by HEALTH is required for lead hazard control performed for the purpose of removing lead paint or eliminating lead hazards.
- Lead-containing waste must be disposed pursuant to the RI Department of Environmental Management Rules and Regulations for Hazardous Waste Management.
- Applicants for a firm license must submit a valid Lead Renovator training certificate for an owner/principal or employee of the firm as the designated Certified Lead Renovator.

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