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MEMORANDUM April 18, 2023 Via Email

TO: Bakersfield College Radiologic Technology Advisory Council

FROM: Billie Jo Rice, Vice President of Instruction

RE: Bakersfield College Radiologic Technology Program to opt-out of AB 1273 "earn to learn" clinical model going into effect January 1, 2024

Dear Advisory Council Members,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the determination for Bakersfield College Radiologic Technology Program to opt-out of the AB 1273 "earn to learn" clinical model going into effect January 1, 2024.

Bakersfield College recognizes the excellence of our Radiologic Technology program working with our community partners to provide the required clinical experiences. If Bakersfield College were to opt to use AB-1273 with this model for clinical hours, it is understood that negative consequences for our students would include:

- Loss of national accreditation from JRCERT
- Students now in the employee role
- Three licensing exams instead of one
- Students not eligible to transfer to bachelor programs in radiologic technology

After review of AB-1273, it is clear that the Radiologic Technology Programs in California do not have to provide an "earn to learn" clinical model. Therefore, it is the determination that Bakersfield College will opt out of this model continuing to provide clinical experiences that are evidence-based practice and not paid.

Thank you,

Billie Jo Rice

Vice President, Instruction

