

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Acting Commissioner



Ned Lamont
Governor
Susan Bysiewicz
Lt. Governor

ORDER

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont (the Governor), in response to the global pandemic of 2019 Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), declared a public health and civil preparedness emergency throughout the State of Connecticut pursuant to Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to remain in effect through September 9, 2020, unless sooner terminated by the Governor; and

Whereas, the Governor's Executive Order No. 7K, dated March 23, 2020, authorized the Commissioner of Public Health (the Commissioner) to temporarily waive, modify or suspend any regulatory requirements adopted by the Commissioner or any Boards or Commissions under Chapters 368a, 368d, 368v, 369 to 381a, inclusive, 382a, 383 to 388, inclusive, 398 to 399, inclusive, 400a, 400c and 474 of the Connecticut General Statutes as the Commissioner deems necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the public health; and

Whereas, residential care homes have a need for additional unlicensed assistive personnel to assist with medication administration; and

Whereas, certain individuals seeking to become certified as unlicensed assistive personnel in residential care homes are unable to complete the certification requirements for such position during the public health and civil preparedness emergency due to restrictions imposed by Executive Orders of the Governor in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, certain unlicensed assistive personnel in residential care homes have expired certifications due to the unavailability of training since April of 2019; and

Whereas, in an effort to maintain and expand the healthcare workforce capacity for COVID-19 response and mitigation efforts, the Commissioner desires to allow such individuals to become certified or re-certified to work in such capacity for the duration of the declared public health and civil preparedness emergency.

Now, Therefore, in accordance with the authority set forth above, **I hereby order that, effective immediately**, Section 19-13-D6(m) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is hereby modified for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, unless sooner modified or terminated by me by a future Order, or by the Governor's earlier repeal or modification of Executive Order No. 7K, or termination of the public health and civil preparedness emergency, to allow for the training and certification or re-certification of such unlicensed assistive personnel in residential care homes to assist with medication administration as follows:



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1. Any person seeking a new certification to become an unlicensed assistive personnel in a residential care home, or an unlicensed assistive personnel whose certification has expired after April 30, 2019, shall complete the on-line course requirements on the [CT-Train website Course ID # 1089330, FLIS Medication Certification Training](#), take the on-line test, and obtain a certificate of completion;
2. Such person shall then present the certificate of completion to the Person-in-Charge of the residential care home where he or she will be employed, or to any subsequent employer in such capacity, who will assign a currently certified unlicensed assistive personnel who administers medication to observe the person seeking certification or re-certification in at least one medication administration pass to residents or until such certified unlicensed assistive personnel feels that the person seeking certification or re-certification can safely administer medication to residents;
3. Such certification or re-certification shall only allow such unlicensed assistive personnel to administer oral medications, topical medications, including eye and ear preparation, and inhalant medications but shall not administer injectable medications; and
4. The Person-in-Charge of the residential care home shall ensure that the unlicensed assistive personnel continues to provide safe administration of medications and shall terminate any further administration of medication by such person if there is any question of safety.

Ordered this 1st day of June 2020



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