

**To:** All DDS Employees, All DDS Qualified Providers

From: Jordan A. Scheff, Commissioner

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**RE:** Revised Health Standard 25-1

Attached in the accompanying email is a copy of the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) revised Health Standard 25-1. This standard is in place to ensure consistency among all DDS employees and Qualified providers when providing support and services to an individual who uses an electronic medication administration device as a form of assistive technology to support their independence.

Links to this document and accompanying attachments are below:

Health Standard 25-1: <u>Use of electronic medication administration devices in congregate residential settings</u>

Attachment A. Self-Administration of Medication Assessment Tool

The Health Standard is applicable to all DDS Qualified Providers, and DDS staff involved in caring for individuals utilizing an electronic medication administration device offered through a DDS Qualified Provider. The guidance ensures the individual has received an assessment and proper training prior to using the electronic medication administration device.