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SUBJECT: The Medication Administration and Supervision Training to Support Recovery (MASTR) program (the training program for the Medication Administration Training (MAT) initiative)

Section 19a-495a of the Connecticut General Statutes, directs in part the requirement that each Residential Care Home, as defined in Section 19a-490, that admits residents requiring assistance with medication administration, to (A) designate unlicensed personnel to obtain certification for the administration of medication, and (B) ensure that such unlicensed personnel receive such certification and recertification every three years thereafter.

The MASTSR program for the administration of medications to Residential Care Home (RCH) residents shall begin to utilize the new training platform called Uniform Interagency Medication Administration Program, which will be effective immediately and medication administration observation practicum (pass & pour) will resume being offered in person by Beacon Health Options' nurse staff.



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As previously shared in two webinars offered by Department of Public Health, beginning on April 4, 2022, the Department of Public Health State is re-instituting expectations within this program and in doing so, the following changes will be implemented:

- The Medication Administration Training is now offered on-line and can be accessed at <https://www.train.org/main/welcome>. The course identification number is 1101521, titled State of Connecticut Medication Administration Training Phase I. This is a self-paced training and should not take more than 15 hours to complete.
- Once staff has successfully completed the online training, RCH administration will be expected to contact Beacon Health Options' nurse, notifying her of completion of training and will receive instructions on how to sign up for the proctored Phase I exam. RCH staff members are expected to pass with a score of 85% or better before proceeding to Phase II Practicum.
- Upon notification of passing exam, Beacon will schedule with the RCH an appropriate time for an in-person Phase II training of the practicum (Pass and Pour) and administration of the practicum demonstration exam. The exam will consist of the staff member performing two resident's medication administrations. Upon successful completion, Beacon will issue a certification valid for 2 years.

As a reminder, eligibility requirements for participation in MASTSR course as an RCH employee are:

- High School Diploma or General Education Development (GED) high school equivalency diploma
- Recommendation from a DCF, DDS, or DPH sponsoring agency,
- Completion of criminal background check through the employing agency,
- Review of medication certification or professional license history,
- The RCH program is licensed by the CT DPH.

For further information regarding the DPH Medication Administration Certification see DPH website: [Medication Administration \(ct.gov\)](https://www.ct.gov/dph)

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