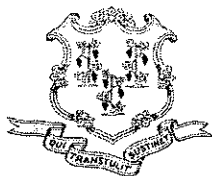


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HEALTH CARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

BLAST FAX 2019-2

TO: Residential Care Home Administrators
Home Health Care Agencies

FROM: Donna Ortelle, Section Chief ^{DO}
Facility Licensing and Investigations Section

DATE: February 26, 2019

SUBJECT: The MASTSR program (the training program for the Medication Administration Training (MAT) initiative)

The MASTSR program (the training program for the Medication Administration Training (MAT) initiative) pertains to the administration of medications to RCH and Home Health clients. Residents of licensed RCHs may self-administer oral, topical, and inhalant medication as well as request assistance from staff with opening containers or packages, replacing lids and administering prescribed medications. The course is a skill based training to a) help non-medical personnel of Residential Care Homes to administer medication safely in a program environment and b) prepare HHAs working in a Licensed Home Health Care Agency to administer medications safely under the supervision and oversight of an agency RN. The course is thirty-two (32) hours and is comprised of 28 classroom hours in addition to onsite, hands on demonstration of skill. A webinar may be substituted for up to 8 of the 28 classroom hours.

This training also provides instruction to RCH staff on the supervision of residents who are able to self-administer their own medications as well as an overview of medication effects and medication for both over the counter (OTC) and prescription medication; the handling, storage and safe disposal of medication; permission and instruction requirements; preparation and administration techniques; asthma; emergency care and special situations.



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The Department of Social Services (DSS) and Department of Public Health (DPH) worked together to implement the Residential Care Home (RCH) medication administration initiative. Through this initiative, the number of RCH personnel authorized to administer medication to RCH residents is expected to increase.

Staff eligible to take the MASTSR as a HHA with a licensed home health care agency if:

- The staff member is deemed competent in CT with completed DPH state competency form
- The staff member is in good standing with at least 3 months home health experience as a HHA
- The staff member is able to pass a literacy screen meeting 8th grade reading level in English****

Staff eligible to complete the MASTSR course as an employee of a RCH if:

- Staff are eighteen (18) years of age
- The RCH program is licensed or registered by the CT DPH

To sign up for an existing class or to request a class on available dates, please contact Heather Leger, RN at Beacon Health Options at 860-707-1053, or cell 860-510-6172 and/or you may email to: Heather.Leger@beaconhealthoptions.com.

Classes can be conducted at your site and are offered in a full day or half day format.

MASTSR TRAINING PROGRAM For RCH and Home Health Staff

The next MASTSR class has been scheduled at a regional location:

Location: Beacon Health Options-Rocky Hill 500 Enterprise Drive Rocky Hill CT 3rd floor, Litchfield Room.

Re-Certification Classes

4/10/2019 from 9am-3:30pm

5/13/2019 from 9am-3:30pm

Full Certification classes

Session I – 3/29, 4/1, 4/3 are all 8 hour classes, 4/5-4 hour class. . Hours: Day 1, 2, 3 9am-5pm and Day 4 8:30-12:30

Session II- 5/6, 5/8, 5/10, are all 8 hour classes, 5/13- 4 hour class. Hours: Day 1, 2, 3 9am-5pm and Day 4 8:30-12:30