



LCBDD News & Updates!

Hello, Provider Partners! Sending along some updates and information. Please let me know if you have anything you'd like to share (such as the closing dates for your ADS, see attached), or if you need info. on a topic.

Thanks,
David

Medication Administration Rules Changed

Attention: Nurses, Providers

Rule changes for unlicensed personnel administering medication will go into effect Nov. 6, 2017. Mandatory implementation of changes is Jan. 1, 2018.

Among the rule changes, direct service providers who are not certified to administer medication but who have taken state-approved annual training will be able to use vagus nerve simulators, Epinephrine auto-injectors, and administer a limited number of over-the-counter topical products without a prescription.

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Self-Advocacy & Supportive Decision Making

Thoughts from a recent webinar-

- People don't want to be "programmed." They want to be supported.
- People want control over their lives.
Focus on a major goal or interest- make it happen.
- May need to start small so that people can find their voice - making little choices; "like" or "don't like."

Remember: **People learn to speak for themselves when others listen.**



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To learn more: <https://loopohio.org/events/providing-community-based-services-setting-meaningful-goals-and-measuring/watch>

PCW changed to PSM, effective today!

Attention: All Providers

The Provider Certification Wizard (PCW) has changed to a new system titled Provider Services Management (PSM). The transition to the PSM platform was effective Dec. 4, 2017. Providers can expect several improvements.

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Primary Solutions ADVISOR Customer Support appts. in Heath

Primary Solutions is offering complimentary support appointments in Heath on Friday, December 8th for their area customers.

To sign up for an appointment, please see link below and sign up for an appointment.

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Center for Disability Services 2018 Closing Dates for

Avalon, Colvin, Coshocton, & Eastland



January 1st	New Year's Holiday
January 15th	ADS Closed
February 19th	Presidents Day/Staff In-service
March 30th	Staff In-service
April 20th	Staff In-service
May 28th	Memorial Day Holiday
June 15th	Staff In-service
July 4th	Independence Day Holiday
September 3rd	Labor Day Holiday
October 8th	Columbus Day/Staff In-service
November 2nd	Staff In-service
November 22nd & 23rd	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24th, 25th, & 31st	Holiday

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

1. In July 2016 H.B. 483 authorized significant changes to DODD's medication administration process.
2. Law revisions to medication administration rules Ohio Administrative Code 5123:2-6 will go into effect **November 6, 2017:**
 - a. The specifications for Residential settings of 17 or more no longer exist in law or rule. All residential settings of 6 or more have the same permissions and requirements for unlicensed personnel to administer medications.
 - b. **Category 1 certification changes**
 1. **5 new Health Related Activities** that certified Direct Service Personnel (DSP) can **do without delegation** (*in settings where delegation is not required for Cat 1 activities*)
 - 1) Pulse Oximetry (for O2 saturation reading)
 - 2) Bi/CPAP
 - 3) Application of Prescription Compression Hose
 - 4) Application of a Percussion Vest
 - 5) Use of Cough Assist Insufflator
 2. Authorizes **Oxygen administration without delegation** (*in settings that do not require delegation of Cat 1 activities*)
 3. Authorizes use of OTC topical products **for musculoskeletal comfort** without a prescription (for personnel with Cat 1 certification)
 4. Removes epinephrine auto-injector from Category 1 certification and training (Epi-pen training is a stand-alone training outside of Cat 1 certification)
 - c. **Category 2 certification and authorizations: no changes**
 - d. **Category 3 certifications**
 1. Authorizes delegation of inhaled insulin
 2. Authorizes delegation of injectable treatments for metabolic glycemc disorders
 3. Authorizes delegation of insulin and metabolic glycemc treatments **in all settings**
 - e. **Creates a new service setting category of Adult Day Services of 16 or fewer** where **Category 1** certification can be used without nurse delegation

- f. **Creates 3 STAND-ALONE AUTHORIZATIONS and trainings that ARE NOT PART OF CATEGORY 1 OR ANY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM** – with annual training, uncertified DSP will be able to:
1. Use a **VNS magnet to activate a VNS** (free on-line training is available now on DODD Training page)
 2. Administer **epinephrine auto-injector** (may be trained with DODD curriculum or part of First Aid certification)
 3. Use **OTC TOPICAL** products for **cleansing, comfort and protection of intact skin, hair, nails, teeth and oral surfaces without a prescription**
 - 1) This does NOT include topical treatments of conditions that require a diagnosis – such as fungal infections, or topical musculoskeletal comfort drugs
 - 2) Authorizes **only TOPICAL products for cleansing, comfort and protection** of intact skin, hair, nails, teeth, and oral surfaces
 - 3) If individual's do have prescriptions for these medications and staff have medication administration certification the staff do not need the stand-alone training to administer the prescribed medicated products
 - 4) **DODD published curriculums can be taught by nurses or personnel with Category 1 Medication Administration Certification**
3. Change to the QA RN review process from “per person” receiving medication in Waiver settings of 5 or fewer to “per provider location” in Waiver services where nurse delegation is not required
- a. Residential settings of 5 or fewer
 - b. Adult Day Services setting of 16 or fewer
4. **THE ROLL-OUT** of changes:
- a. New curriculum addendums are published on the DODD Medication Administration page (DODD Home > click Health and Welfare > Choose Medication Administration)
 - b. Rules finalized through the JCARR process will go into effect Nov. 6, 2017
 - c. New skills check lists for the Cat 1 and Cat 3 additions are in MAIS
 - d. New information **MAY** be taught as part of **Initial Certifications** now and **MUST be taught in all classes from January 1, 2018 forward**

- e. New information for Cat 1 and Cat 3 MAY be taught now
 - 1. **May** be entered in MAIS as part of renewal now
 - 2. **MUST be attested to by RN Trainer for the first renewal of each certified personnel between January 1, 2018 and Dec. 31, 2018.** As part of the first renewal in 2018 the RN Trainer must attest that the additional material and skills have been received by the person being renewed.
- f. Currently certified personnel will need to have newly authorized skills checked prior to using those skills (even if not part of a renewal). If personnel are currently being delegated, the delegating nurse will be able to check off skills prior to ending delegation.
- g. The new RN QA Tool is in development and will be posted on DODD ASAP; Special training for QA RNs is scheduled for Nov. 8, 2017.
- h. **The 3-year period for completing all RN QAs will start over on January 1, 2018. Previous date tracking of individual's QAs will no longer apply.**
- i. The new stand-alone curriculums for VNS, EPI and OTC topical drugs for cleansing, comfort and protection can be used beginning Nov. 6, 2017; Training is required before action
- j. If staff have already had VNS or EPI training there is no need to repeat except for annually
- k. If epinephrine auto-injector training is a documented part of First Aid certification, epinephrine auto-injector authorization is valid for the length of the certification.
- l. If personnel have Medication Administration Certification and are administering topical OTCs that have been prescribed they do not need to do the new OTC training for the prescribed OTCs.
- m. The training and authorization, without certification, for purchase and administration of OTC topical products (for cleansing, comfort and barriers) should be implemented as soon as feasible. This is important so that individual's may choose their own preferred products from the store without a prescription.

WHAT RN Trainers NEED TO DO:

1. **Make sure your e-mail settings allow messages from DODDInfo_DoNotReply@dodd.ohio.gov**
 - a. **MAIS sends messages to the e-mail (home and work) address listed in MAIS.**
 - b. **If you do not specifically put this address in your e-mail as “not junk” it may well be filtered out by your security settings.**
 - c. **As an RN Trainer, it is part of your responsibilities to make sure you are up to date on RN Trainer rules and duties.**
2. **Make sure you READ the messages posted on the MAIS Home Page EVERYTIME you log in.**
3. **Make sure you READ the new Rules (OAC 5123:2-6) as soon as they are released. Destroy all previous versions.**
4. **Get the new curriculum addendums from the DODD Medication Administration Page and prepare to incorporate the material into your teaching.**
 - a. Find at DODD Home Page > Health and Welfare > Medication Administration Information page.
 - b. They will exist as individual addendums until the entire content of curriculums is revised later in 2018.
5. **RN Trainers have UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2017 to request the new test – if you do not you will be unmapped from MAIS until you do.**
6. **Prepare to enter a revised Syllabus for Initial Category 1 Certifications and Category 3 Add-on classes NO LATER than January 1, 2018. Begin teaching additional curriculums with all Initials and Add-on certifications NO Later than January 1, 2018.**
7. **Be very clear that ALL Cat 1 renewals January 1 - December 31, 2018 will require training and skills check-off on Oxygen, 5 new HRAs and OTC topical drugs for musculoskeletal comfort.**
 - a. RN Trainers must attest to CE and new skills and in MAIS for renewal application to be processed.
 - b. After the new skills and CE are covered at one renewal they do not need to be covered unless applicable.
 - c. RN Trainers may utilize knowledgeable guest speakers for renewal CE and skills presentations.
8. **Make sure your agency, contract agencies, and students understand that for renewal in 2018 content and skills must include the new curriculum elements. Help them make plans for that to happen. Make sure if you are using guest speakers they know the new material.**
9. **Be clear that the 3 stand-alone curriculums for VNS, EPI and OTC topical drugs for cleansing, comfort and protection may NOT be part of 14 hour initial (can be included if additional time is allotted), and not used for renewal CE.**

WHAT PROVIDERS/AGENCIES NEED TO DO:

1. **Talk to your RN Trainer(s)** – plan for how staff will get from old rules to new rules for:
 - a. New HRAs and other newly authorized actions – ones currently delegated and ones not needed straight away
 - b. How will you train for OTCs, VNS and EPI
 - c. How will you track training for OTC, VNS and EPI
 - d. Plan to train staff that the rules are changing
2. **Be very clear that ALL renewals that happen January 1 - December 31, 2018 will require training and skills check-off on Oxygen, 5 new HRAs and OTC topical drugs for musculoskeletal comfort.**
 - a. RN Trainers must attest to CE and new skills and in MAIS for renewal application to be processed.
 - b. After the new skills and CE are covered at one renewal they do not need to be covered unless applicable.
3. **Make sure you READ the new Rules (OAC 5123:2-6).**
4. **Get the new curriculum additions from the DODD Medication Administration Page and prepare to incorporate the material into your manuals and procedures.**
 - a. Find at DODD Home Page > Health and Welfare > Medication Administration Information page.
 - b. They will be individual addendums until the entire content of curriculums is revised in 2018.
 - c. Have skills checks and training material on hand for people who need to start using the new skills.
5. Make sure your agency management and personnel understand that for renewal in 2018 content and skills must include the new elements. Help them make plans for that to happen. Make sure if you are using guest speakers the RN trainer has approved that and that the speakers know the new material.
6. **Be clear that the 3 stand-alone curriculums for VNS, EPI and OTC topical drugs for cleansing, comfort and protection may NOT be part of 14-hour initial (can be included if additional time is allotted)**