


Announcement

PA Department of Human Services Medication Administration Training Program Additional Classroom Training Sessions for 2015

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The mission of the Office of Developmental Programs is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence, choice and opportunity in their lives.

AUDIENCE: All Interested Parties, Agency/Entity Administrators, Medication Administration Primary Contacts, Agency/Entity Training Directors, Existing and Prospective Medication Administration Trainers employed by one of the following applicable Department of Human Services (DHS) or Department of Aging licensed environments:

Department of Human Services	Department of Aging
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 2380: Adult Training Facilities • Chapter 2390: Vocational Facilities • Chapter 2600: Personal Care Homes • Chapter 2800: Assisted Living Residences • Chapter 3800: Child Residential and Day Treatment Facilities • Chapter 6400: Community Homes for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability • Chapter 6600: Intermediate Care Facilities for Other Related Conditions (ICF/ORC) • Chapter 6600: Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability (ICF/ID) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title 6 Aging, Chapter 11: Adult Day Services <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Medication Administration: Getting it right!</p> </div>

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Office of Developmental Programs announcement is to inform stakeholders that three additional sessions have been scheduled for the Medication Administration classroom training. All other previously announced sessions have reached capacity.

DISCUSSION:

Temple University Harrisburg began managing the Medication Administration Program effective June 1, 2015. The following table contains details regarding the current process for accessing relevant recorded information, how to register for the courses and a current listing of the remaining training dates for 2015. **Please be aware that these will be the last training opportunities for 2015. Individuals whose certificates expire by 12/31/15 should consider enrolling if they plan to continue to maintain their credentials in the Medication Administration Program.**

The next round of training classes are expected to be scheduled for March 2016. Dates and registration information will be released through a future ODP Announcement.

PROGRAM FACET	NEW VENDOR TRANSITION ACTIVITIES
Website	The Medication Administration Program website, https://medsadmin.tiu11.org/cms/ , continues to be used for information related to the program, registration for the online Train the Trainer course, completing the online coursework and classroom registration. There is no change to how registration is accessed.
Online Train the Trainer Coursework	The registration for the online Train the Trainer Medication Administration coursework has been re-opened and available since May 27, 2015.
Online Medication Administration Student Course	No impact. The Student Course will continue to be open and available to certified trainers and students.
Medication Administration Support Line	As of June 1, 2015, the Medication Administration Program Support Line will be transitioned to Temple University Harrisburg. Effective June 1, 2015, all inquiries regarding the Medication Administration Program should be made using the following phone number and e-mail address: (717) 221-1630 ; medicationadministration@temple.edu
Recertification Extension	Approximately 932 recertification extension letters were generated and sent to individuals whose Medication Administration certification will be expiring in June 2015. The letters communicated that ODP will be extending the trainer's certification expiration date to December 31, 2015. All letters were sent as of May 14, 2015. If you have not received an extension letter and believe you should have, e-mail: medicationadministration@temple.edu .
Recertification Curriculum	If you are due for recertification in 2016, trainers will be required to take the online Train the Trainer coursework, testing and classroom training using the current course requirements.
Classroom Training	Registration for the classroom trainings can be found on the next page. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registrants who have already completed the online component: If you have already completed the online component of the Train the Trainer curriculum, the system has a record of this. Once the registrant logs into the website, the system will prompt the registrant to schedule classroom training. After classroom training has been scheduled, the trainer candidate will receive information, via e-mail, related to the classroom training and a presentation assignment. Each trainer candidate receives a presentation assignment that he/she will present during the classroom training.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registrants who have <u>not</u> completed the online component: Trainer candidates are required to complete the online curriculum before scheduling the classroom training. This includes completing the registration process and submitting a payment. Once a trainer candidate registers, the primary contact they entered during the registration process will be notified via e-mail. The e-mail will instruct the primary contact to confirm the trainer candidate’s registration and submit payment. <p>The payment processing component of the registration process will be slightly different than in the past. The system will prompt the primary contact to click the “Pay for Course” button and redirect them to a payment area. Once in the payment area, there will be payment instructions to guide the primary contact through payment processing. The payment may take up to 24 hours to process. Once successfully processed, the primary contact will receive an e-mail response indicating that payment was successfully processed by the payment processing system. Within 24 hours of payment processing, the trainer candidate will be able to begin the online component of the Train the Trainer Medication Administration curriculum.</p> <p>Registration instructions can be found at:</p> <p>https://medsadmin.tiu11.org/cms/assets/Medication-Administration-Train-the-Trainer-Registration-and-Payment-Instructions1.pdf</p>
	<p>NOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training candidates from agencies with no certified Medication Administration staff are required to complete the online coursework before they are permitted to attend the classroom training. • There is a classroom capacity limit associated with the training sessions below. Once the classroom capacity has been reached, registration will be closed for that date’s training session. If registration has been closed for a particular site, you have the option to register for a different training site/session.

CLASSROOM TRAINING DATES	REGION
Thursday, December 10, 2015	Ambler, Montgomery County
Wednesday, December 16, 2015	Pittsburgh, Allegheny County
Thursday, December 17, 2015	Lancaster, Lancaster County