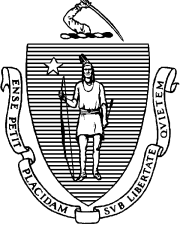


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NOTICE

From: Department of Public Health, Medication Administration Program (MAP)
To: MAP Administrators and Coordinators
Date: April 1, 2020
Subject: COVID-19 – Reinstatement of Expired/Lapsed MAP Certifications

The COVID-19 public health emergency continues to produce an extraordinary demand on registered Medication Administration Program (MAP) Community Programs, as defined in 105 CMR 700.001. In light of the reduced availability of MAP Certified staff to administer medications in Department of Mental Health (DMH), Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and Department of Children and Families (DCF) registered MAP Community Programs as a result of COVID-19, it has become challenging for registered MAP Community Programs to comply with MAP Policy 02-6 *Recertification Process* and Policy 02-7 *Recertification Guidelines*.

For the duration of the State of Emergency, declared by Governor Baker on March 10, 2020, the Department of Public Health's Drug Control Program (DCP), in consultation with DMH, DDS, and DCF, is waiving MAP Policy 02-6 *Recertification Process* and MAP Policy 02-7 *Recertification Process*, and hereby authorizes the reinstatement of formerly MAP Certified staff to MAP Certified status under the following conditions:

- A staff person's previous MAP Certification lapsed or expired within the last 24 months;
- The staff person's previous MAP Certification was not suspended or revoked ("Misconduct" on MAP Registry);
- The prospective employer must provide, in-person or remotely, a refresher training that includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Documentation processes;

- Drug security requirements;
- Chain of custody requirements; and
- The medication administration process;
 - The employer may use the Medication Administration video demonstration, available on the D&S Diversified Technologies website, which is currently used in MAP Training;
- Providers must complete and submit the attached Certification Reinstatement Attestation Form to their MAP Coordinator;
 - The Provider must maintain a copy of the Attestation;
- The reinstatement will be in effect for 2 years from the date of reinstatement;
 - D&S Diversified Technologies will be instructed by the DDS, DMH or DCF MAP Administrator to reinstate the staff as MAP Certified on the MAP Registry upon receipt of the attestation form from the MAP Coordinators.

If you have any questions please contact your DDS, DMH or DCF MAP Coordinator.