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OCYF will use the DPW Medication Administration Model, which is managed and operated by the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP), as the approved medication administration curriculum for facilities licensed under the Chapter 3800 regulations. The DPW Medication Administration Model will fully replace the OCYF Medication Administration Training Model effective June 30, 2009. All Chapter 3800 facility staff must be trained on this new curriculum by this date. The first round of training for the DPW Medication Administration Training Model will be offered September 2007 through June 2008. A brochure will be mailed, first to facilities whose license expires between 7/1/07 through 12/30/07, so that they may register a staff member for one of the training sessions offered. ODP already mailed this first group a copy of the brochure (copy is attached), with a copy of the OCYF provider letter. The next round of training will be offered September 2008 through June 2009 for the remaining facilities who will need to have staff trained. More detailed information about the DPW Medication Administration Model curriculum, course and registration fees, registration process, and comprehensive list of training dates and locations across the state can be found on the following website:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/Family/MentalRetardationServices/HealthCare/003671051.htm>

Many Trainers-of-Trainers expressed an interest in becoming an instructor for the DPW Medication Administration Training Model. The Department has elected not to use individuals who are employed by a private agency to serve as instructors for its curriculum, to avoid potential conflicts of interest. The training program is operated through a contracted provider that employs registered nurses as instructors and does not permit training to be conducted by those instructors on a freelance basis. However, Trainers-of-Trainers who are employed by a facility are strongly encouraged to serve as the trainer of direct care staff by obtaining certification through the DPW Medication Administration Training Model.

As with the OCYF model, the DPW Medication Administration Training Model does not include a diabetes education for non-licensed staff who want to administer insulin, according to Section 3800.188(b) of the Chapter 3800 regulations. Non-licensed staff persons who wish to administer insulin may consult with Diabetes Nurse Consultants at the Department of Health regarding availability of this specific type of training. Contact information for the Diabetes Nurse Consultants may be found at the following website:
http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/CWP/view.asp?A=174&QUESTION_ID=237583