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SUBJECT:

**Regulation Interpretation –
Family Living Medication
Administration Training**

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SCOPE:

County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Administrators
Family Living Home Directors

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this mental retardation bulletin is to revise the Licensing Inspection Instrument for Family Living Homes Regulations section related to required training for family living providers who administer prescription medications to individuals living in family living homes.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Mental Retardation is able to permit the administration of medications by non-medical personnel to individuals receiving services in certain licensed mental retardation programs through a cooperative agreement with the Pennsylvania Nurse Practices Board. Recent analysis of this agreement has revealed an inconsistency in the interpretive guideline for CH. 6500.138(a) which necessitates the following revision.

REGULATION INTERPRETATION:

The current interpretive guideline for 55 PA. Code CH. 6500.138(a) is revised to delete the final paragraph, "Completion and passing of the Department's Medication Administration Course as required in section 6400.168, may be substituted for the training required in 138(a)."

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

Appropriate regional licensing administrator