

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BUREAU OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING
Community Homes for Individuals with Mental Retardation
(55 Pa.Code Chapter 6400)

Q/A - Regulatory Clarifications – January 2015

The clarifications and interpretations below will remain on the Department's web site until the information is included in the next updated Regulatory Compliance Guide (RCG).

Regulation: § 6400.64(a) – Sanitation

§ 6400.64(a) Clean and sanitary conditions shall be maintained in the home.

Question: Does a shared bar of soap constitute an unsanitary condition?

ANSWER: No. While individual bar soap or pumped antibacterial soaps and gels are encouraged, a shared bar of soap will not be cited as an unsanitary condition.

Regulation: § 6400.168(a) – Medications Administration Training

§ 6400.168(a) In a home serving eight or fewer individuals, a staff person who has completed and passed the Department's Medications Administration Course is permitted to administer oral, topical and eye and ear drop prescription medications.

Question: Must a person who successfully completed the Department's Medication Train-The-Trainer course with a valid certificate be a current employee of a community home to be considered a qualified trainer?

ANSWER: The trainer must work for a licensed legal entity that uses the training. This includes legal entities licensed under the following regulations: 2380, 2600, 2800, 3800, 6400, 6600 or Adult Day Living Centers. No independent trainers who do not work for a legal entity licensed under any of the specified regulations may provide this training.