



General Assembly

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* _____HB06551PH_APP040111_____*

**AN ACT CONCERNING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION TO RESIDENTS OF
RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-495a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) (1) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations,
4 [as provided in subsection (d) of this section, to require each] in
5 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to allow unlicensed
6 personnel in residential care [home] homes, as defined in section 19a-
7 490, [that admits residents requiring assistance with medication
8 administration, to (A) designate unlicensed personnel] to obtain
9 certification for the administration of medication. [, and (B) to ensure
10 that such unlicensed personnel receive such certification.]

11 (2) The regulations shall establish [criteria to be used by such homes
12 in determining (A) the appropriate number of unlicensed personnel
13 who shall obtain such certification, and (B)] training requirements,
14 including on-going training requirements, [for such certification.
15 Training requirements shall] that include, but [shall] are not [be]
16 limited to: Initial orientation, resident rights, identification of the types
17 of medication that may be administered by unlicensed personnel,
18 behavioral management, personal care, nutrition and food safety, and

19 health and safety in general.

20 [(b) Each residential care home, as defined in section 19a-490, shall
21 ensure that, on or before January 1, 2010, an appropriate number of
22 unlicensed personnel, as determined by the residential care home,
23 obtain certification for the administration of medication. Certification
24 of such personnel shall be in accordance with regulations adopted
25 pursuant to this section. Unlicensed personnel obtaining such
26 certification may administer medications that are not administered by
27 injection to residents of such homes, unless a resident's physician
28 specifies that a medication only be administered by licensed
29 personnel.]

30 [(c) On and after October 1, 2007, unlicensed] (b) Unlicensed
31 assistive personnel employed in residential care homes, as defined in
32 section 19a-490, may (1) obtain and document residents' blood
33 pressures and temperatures with digital medical instruments that (A)
34 contain internal decision-making electronics, microcomputers or
35 special software that allow the instruments to interpret physiologic
36 signals, and (B) do not require the user to employ any discretion or
37 judgment in their use; (2) obtain and document residents' weight; and
38 (3) assist residents in the use of glucose monitors to obtain and
39 document their blood glucose levels.

40 [(d) The Commissioner of Public Health may implement policies
41 and procedures necessary to administer the provisions of this section
42 while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures as
43 regulation, provided the commissioner prints notice of intent to adopt
44 regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days
45 after the date of implementation. Policies and procedures implemented
46 pursuant to this section shall be valid until the time final regulations
47 are adopted.]

48 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public Health
49 shall immediately suspend the implementation of policies and
50 procedures implemented pursuant to section 44 of public act 09-5 of

