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MAP Advisory

From: Department of Public Health, Medication Administration Program (MAP)
To: MAP Administrators and Coordinators
Date: September 15, 2021
Subject: Access to Rescue Inhalers and Epinephrine Auto-Injectors in Community Programs

Pursuant to an Order issued by the Commissioner of Public Health, dated September 15, 2021, non-MAP Certified staff of Community Programs are authorized to possess and administer rescue inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors to individuals in Community Programs, upon the Service Provider informing the MAP Coordinator or State Agency Administrator and under the following conditions:

- Medications subject to this guidance may only be administered pursuant to an existing patient prescription and matching health care provider order.
 - If an individual is receiving the medication pursuant to an initial prescription and order, the medication must be administered by licensed health care professional or MAP Certified staff.
- Prior to receiving access to, taking custody of, or administering any of the medications authorized by this order, participating staff must receive training from a licensed health care professional regarding, but not limited to, the following:
 - storage, handling, administration and disposal of the medication(s);
 - emergency protocols; and
 - the individual's specific needs.
- Any rescue inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector that is to be administered pursuant to this order shall be kept in a secure storage area, separate from the Community Program's MAP Drug Storage area.
- Administration of these medications by participating staff, pursuant to the accompanying order, must be documented separately from the Community Program's Medication Administration Record, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - The name of the medication;
 - The participating staff administering;

- The individual to whom the medication is administered;
 - The date and time of administration;
 - The dose administered; and
 - Any emergency procedures required after administration.
- This documentation must be kept confidential and be made available to the service provider, MRC, DDS, DCF or DMH MAP coordinator and/or Drug Control Program.

All applicable statutes, regulations and MAP advisories not inconsistent with the Commissioner's Order and this advisory remain in effect.

Please direct any questions or comments about this advisory to MAP at DCP.DPH@state.ma.us.