**NOTICE**

From: Department of Public Health, Medication Administration Program (MAP)

To: MAP Administrators, Coordinators and Providers

Date: October 7, 2020

Subject: COVID-19 – Rescission of Extension Order for MAP Certification

On June 26, 2020, Governor Baker issued COVID-19 Order No. 41, directing Executive Branch agencies to end the extensions of professional licenses previously allowed in response to COVID-19 restrictions and outlined in the Medication Administration Program (MAP) [Notice dated March 25, 2020](https://www.mass.gov/doc/3-26-2020-covid-19-map-certification-extension/download). Accordingly, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) are hereby ending the extension of MAP Certifications as of December 31, 2020.

All MAP Certifications must be up to date as required in the MAP Policy Manual by no later than December 31, 2020. Unlicensed personnel are NOT authorized to perform medication-related duties at a MAP Registered site after their MAP Certification has expired.

Current MAP Certifications that expire after December 31, 2020 remain in effect until their date of expiration.

In addition to the standard procedure outlined in the MAP Policy Manual, the following methods exist to recertify staff working in DDS, DMH and DCF MAP Programs:

* The attestation process identified under the COVID-19 MAP Certification Reinstatement Process dated April 8, 2020:

<https://www.mass.gov/advisory/covid-19-reinstatement-of-map-certification-with-attestation>

* Virtual Recertification testing with D&S DT:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-related-dds-map-guidance#covid-19-virtual-map-certification-testing-guidelines%E2%80%8B->

* In-house re-certification as allowed under guidance provided by the applicable state agency (DDS, DMH or DCF).

Please be advised that all COVID-19 Notices linked above are subject to rescission without prior notice. For more information, please contact your MAP Coordinator.