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## NOTICE

From: Department of Public Health, Medication Administration Program (MAP)  
To: MAP Administrators and Coordinators  
Date: September 15, 2021  
Subject: OTC Method B – Remote verification by licensed professionals – Waiver

The Drug Control Program (DCP) Notice dated March 18, 2020 and titled “OTC Method B – Remote verification by licensed professionals” expires on September 15, 2021. Department of Public Health (DPH) registered Medication Administration Program (MAP) Community Programs (Programs) continue to face challenges complying with MAP Policy 06-6, *Over-the-Counter Medications and Preparations*, which includes requirements for a licensed health care professional to provide in-person verification.

In light of these continuing challenges and to provide further flexibility, DCP will accept waiver applications to allow Programs **to employ telehealth for this verification step**.

Specifically, an approved waiver will authorize the following alternative verification procedures:

**Policy 06-6 (2)(b)(iii)-(v):** A licensed professional can compare the manufacturer’s label to the Health Care Provider order and verify the contents of the OTC or preparation via photos and phone communication or video communication with MAP Certified staff. MAP Certified staff must document the licensed health care professional verification encounter, including the name of the licensed health care professional.

Pursuant to the licensed professional’s comparison and verification, MAP Certified staff may:

- initial the container;
- place the name of individual(s) on the container; and
- place the date of verification on the container.

A Program must secure approval of a waiver request from DCP prior to using these alternative verification procedures.

Attachments:

- COVID-19 Virtual Two-Person Count Waiver Application Template