MAP Policy Updates

On November 17, 2025, the Department of Public Health (DPH) Medication Administration Program (MAP) released an updated MAP Policy Manual. As a reminder, throughout the new online policy manual, all references to policy, guidance and legislation are hyperlinked for improved navigation. MAP service providers should ensure that access is always available to the online version of the policy manual as it is a required reference material. There is no requirement to maintain a paper copy of the policy manual at MAP registered sites although if you prefer to do so, please ensure it is the most updated version.

Updates/Changes within Sections of Manual:

Definition of Terms:
- Acceptable code P (Packaged) language expanded so that the code can be used when a licensed staff is teaching an individual to self-administer an injectable medication.
- Acceptable code MNA (Medication Not Administered) to replace a circled set of initials for a medication not administered.

Section 4:
- Policy 04-1 reformatted and language edited removing the requirement that the TTT program must be completed in 3 months allowing the state agencies the ability to determine when the program must be completed.

Section 5:
- Language added requiring a "refresher" training prior to recertification testing. ***The requirement for refresher training will be implemented starting 5/1/26 (i.e., will be a required field to be completed in TMU).*
- *Recertification Form and Recertification Evaluation Guide were updated to reflect the requirement of recertification training.*

Section 11:

- Language edited to include that a stop date is only required to be completed on the medication administration record for time-limited medication orders.
- Language edited to reflect the use of acceptable code MNA instead of circled initials on the medication administration record.

Section 18:

- Language edited allowing trained MAP Certified staff to conduct blood glucose monitoring for individuals receiving other than just "oral" medication.

To review these sections in further detail, please use the following link to review the updated MAP Policy Manual:
https://www.mass.gov/doc/map-policy-manual-final/download

To read through the Guide to identify updates/changes within the manual, please use the following link:
https://www.mass.gov/doc/guide-to-the-map-policy-manual/download

If you have questions about any of the recent policy changes, please contact your Area/Regional MAP Coordinator.

Thank you,
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