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DAL: DAL 16-07
SUBJECT: First Aid Training/Updated
Posters

Dear Administrator:

Adult Care Facility (ACF) regulation 487.9(a)(15), states "At least one individual currently qualified by a recognized organization to administer basic first aid shall be on duty and onsite at all times". Facilities may wish to use a Registered Nurse (RN) or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to maintain compliance with this regulation. If so, it is necessary for the RN or LPN to have up-to-date documentation of First Aid Training.

Please be advised that this guidance supersedes any previous guidance issued by the New York State Department of Health (Department), including the Department of Social Services (DSS) Memorandum, dated November 22, 1978. Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Training is often a condition of employment; but not a requirement. The employer must ensure that the staff member on duty, each shift, has up to date training that is provided by a recognized accredited agency. On-line, certified, accredited programs are acceptable and will meet this requirement. Although this does not apply to Enriched Housing Programs, the Department is asking you to consider incorporating this into your facility's best practices for current and new personnel. Verification of up-to-date training will be reviewed during the Department's routine surveillance activities. As this is new guidance, the Department will allow 30 days for facilities to comply with the required training.

In addition to having staff who are up-to-date in first aid training, it is also the facility's responsibility to maintain up-to-date first aid posters displayed in the facility. This will also be verified during routine surveillance activities. Posters can be obtained via www.health.ny.gov/publications/0603.pdf.

If you have questions regarding the above guidance, please contact the Division of ACF/Assisted Living Surveillance at (518) 408-1133 for further clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie A. Deetz". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "V" and a cursive "Deetz".

Valerie A. Deetz, Director
Division of ACF and Assisted Living Surveillance