

MAP Policy Updates

On April 15, 2025, the Department of Public Health (DPH) Medication Administration Program (MAP) released updates to the 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.

The following sections of the MAP Policy Manual were revised: Section 13

 Language was added to clarify that MAP Certified staff may not be assigned the task of medication administration to certain skin conditions i.e., open wounds.

Section 19

- Language was edited to reflect that the FDA has removed Clozapine from the REMS program. Clozapine remains a "high-alert" medication in MAP. The Clozapine required competency is now a single form titled 'Clozapine Therapy Training'. The Clozapine Medication Sheet, 'Individual Specific' Competency form and the Clozapine Protocol form were removed from the Forms section as they are no longer applicable.
- Language was added to include that a trained and competent LPN may provide subsequent G/J Tube Training. All G/J Tube forms have been updated to reflect this change.

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

The MAP Technical Assistance Tool additionally has been updated to reflect policy changes and will soon be posted on the MAP Mass website Home | Massachusetts Medication Administration Program Training Resources and Support and can be found under the tab "MAP Training Resources"- Oversight and Review.

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

Thank you, DDS/DMH/DCF/MassAbility MAP Administrators

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