



COMMISSIONER
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To: Financial Management Services Agencies
Consumer Directed Services Employers
Medically Dependent Children Program Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 14-63
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid Certification Requirement in the
Medically Dependent Children Program

The purpose of this information letter is to inform Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) providers, Financial Management Services Agencies (FMSAs) and Consumer Directed Services (CDS) employers of the new Title 40 Texas Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 51 rule amendment effective September 1, 2014. The rule requires unlicensed service providers providing respite and flexible family supports to be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid.

The Department of Aging and Disability Services will delay compliance monitoring for unlicensed service provider qualification until January 1, 2015, in an effort to support providers, FMSAs and CDS employers in obtaining CPR and first aid certification for all unlicensed service providers. MDCP program providers, FMSAs and CDS employers must ensure all attendants are certified in CPR and first aid by January 1, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding this information letter, please contact the MDCP mailbox at mdcp@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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