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MEMORANDUM

TO: Trainers of Staff at Facilities Licensed by DBHDS

Providers of Services Licensed by DBHDS

FROM: Dr. Dawn M. Adams DNP, ANP-BC, Director Health Services DDS

DATE: November 20, 2014

SUBJECT: Glucagon and Epinephirine Administration

Consistent with the Memo released by Les Saltzberg, Ph.D., Former Director Office of Licensing dated June 28, 2013:

"The 2013 General Assembly of Virginia passed House Bill 1444 which amended §§ 8.01-225 and 54.1-3408 of the Code of Virginia to add providers licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to those already approved to provide the administration of insulin, glucagon, and epinephrine to individuals receiving services in an emergency situation without being liable for civil damages."

The expanded code does require additional education and training for medication providers. Currently, there is only one Virginia BON approved curriculum for Glucagon and Epinephirine administration for staff in programs licensed by DBHDS. This curriculum is available through Fidura and Associates. Should your agency need to be able to administer Glucagon to provide services to your clients, Fidura is offering a "pull out" curriculum to meet this need at a drastically reduced cost of \$35.00 plus shipping. To this attain this competency via this resource please contact Fidura & Associates, Inc. 804 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 201 Richmond, Virginia 23236804-560-4640; 804-560-4813 FAX.

Should your agency prefer to order the entire Fidura & Associates Medication Administration Curriculum for DBHDS it is also available for \$195.00 plus tax and shipping.