



## LICENSING ALERT

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### STAFF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

28 Pa. Code Staff development program, requires the project director to develop a comprehensive staff development program for agency personnel. Section 704.1(c) establishes general requirements for initial and ongoing training of staff persons and volunteers (See § 704.11(c)). Section 704.11(c)(1) requires personnel to receive a minimum of six hours of HIV/AIDS and at least four hours of tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases and other health related topics training using a Department approved curriculum. The Department has received various requests for an exception to this general requirement as it relates to health care professionals, i.e., physicians, physician assistants, certified registered nurse practitioners and nurses.

The Department has determined that it will no longer require physicians, physician assistants, certified registered nurse practitioners and nurses to receive the above trainings because they already received training on these subject areas as part of their education in the health care field. Please note that this Licensing Alert does not grant an exception to the requirements in 28 Pa. Code § 704.11(c). Instead, the individuals identified above will be considered in compliance with the requirements therein. Accordingly, facilities should not submit requests for exceptions under 28 Pa. Code § 701.11 – 701.13. All other staff persons and volunteers shall comply with the general training requirements in § 704.11(c).

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