

PROVIDER ADVISORY #2018-013
GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF F.S. 393.506

ACTION REQUIRED

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2018

F.S. 393.506 Administration of Medication was amended during the 2018 Legislative Session and goes into effect July 1, 2018. The Agency is required to publish rules to describe how the statutory requirements must be met on or before Dec. 31, 2018

From July 1, 2018 until 65G-7 is amended and promulgated, the following guidelines for compliance with the amended statute will be in effect:

- Initial Medication Administration Training courses should be not less than 6 hours long, and must include validation by simulation of the otic, transdermal, and topical routes.
- Currently approved Medication Administration Training providers may continue to provide training.
 - Those approved trainers currently teaching 6-hour courses will need to continue to do so, with the addition of validation by simulation as above.
 - Those approved trainers currently teaching a less than 6-hour course will need to teach a 6-hour course with simulation. The Agency has a 6-hour course curriculum available from any Regional/Field office MCM if needed. State Office will not be able to approve new courses or amendments to courses to increase their length at this time.
- When validation by simulation is successfully completed during the initial training course for the otic, transdermal, and topical routes, the instructor must fill out the validation certificate for those routes and give it to the participant.
- Anyone who has successfully completed a currently approved 4-hour Medication Administration Training course before July 1, 2018 does not have to go back and take a 6-hour course. In addition, anyone who has successfully completed a currently approved Medication Administration Training course before July 1, 2018, but not yet achieved validation for otic, transdermal, and topical may do so by simulation if they wish.
- Anyone who is currently validated for the otic, transdermal, and topical routes of medication administration, or receives validation by simulation, does not need to seek revalidation on these routes, unless their validation for their primary route (either enteral or oral) expires. If the validation for the primary route expires, the MAP may not give medications by any route until they re-take the Medication Administration Training course and are revalidated.
- Both RNs and LPNs may provide training, and RNs, LPNs, and MDs may validate. There will be new rule standards coming regarding training and validation, until the rule is promulgated, trainers should follow current procedures for becoming approved trainers.
- The 2-hour annual update will not be required until a revision to 65G-7 is promulgated.