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TO: Home and Community Based Service Waiver Providers

 Targeted Case Management Agencies

FROM: DHH Health Standards Section

RE: Nebulizer Treatments

In a memorandum dated October 28, 2013, providers and support coordination agencies were informed about the completion of the Guidelines for direct service workers developed by DHH and the State Board of Nursing. The Guidelines provide for the training and establishment of competency in medication administration and non-complex tasks. Section Three of the Guidelines addresses tasks which can and cannot be delegated by a Registered Nurse to unlicensed personnel. It lists nebulizer treatments as a complex task that cannot be delegated. After further discussion with the Board of Nursing, it has been determined that nebulizer treatments that have a pre-measured dosage unit provided by the manufacturer of an oral inhalant aerosol can be deemed delegable. It was felt that the original intent was to exclude medication that needed to be measured.

Should you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Terry Cooper, RN, Supervisor for Home and Community Based Services at 225-342-5780.

cc: Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

 Office of Aging and Adult Services