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**To:** Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services Providers and Stakeholders  
**From:** Cathy Robinson, Director, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services  
**Re:** Indiana Direct Support Professional Training: Core A and Core B, Curriculum 2020  
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**This announcement is updated from the original announcement issued August 12, 2020.** The Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services is committed to working collaboratively with case managers and providers to ensure safe and quality care. As part of this commitment, BDDS is announcing the release of the revised Living in the Community: Medication Administration Curriculum; Core A and Core B. The revised curriculum is titled: Indiana Direct Support Professional Training: Core A and Core B, Curriculum 2020.

**Key Points Regarding the Revised Curriculum:**

**Update: Beginning April 1, 2021,** (change from previous deadline of January 1, 2021), provider agencies should begin training **new direct support professionals** in using the new curriculum and testing materials. As a reminder, per 460 IAC 9-3-6(b), 'Indiana Direct Support Professional Training: Core A and Core B, Curriculum 2020' is required for DSPs working in group home settings. For DSPs working in HCBS waiver funded settings, the new curriculum may be used to meet the requirements for medication administration training detailed in 460 IAC 6-16-3(b)(4)(C).

Direct support professionals certified through the previous curriculum to administer medications **are not** required to be recertified in the 'Indiana Direct Support Professional Training: Core A and Core B, Curriculum 2020.' Provider agencies can choose when to have their current employees trained on the 2020 curriculum. The revised curriculum 'Indiana Direct Support Professional Training: Core A and Core B, Curriculum 2020' is available [by clicking here](#).

Converting to the revised curriculum will require previously certified licensed nurse trainers to become recertified by attending a Train-the-Trainer Curriculum 2020 session currently being offered remotely by BDDS. To provide opportunities for nurses to certify or re-certify with the new curriculum, we have added two additional virtual trainings for 2020 – available training dates now include October 16, November 6, and December 4, 2020. **To register for one of these sessions ( ) [please click here](#).**

Testing materials will be available to nurses who have been certified to instruct the new curriculum. Following the certification of their nurse in the new curriculum each provider agency will send a request on company letterhead to Provider Services Coordinator Celia Bartel requesting the testing materials.

Providers may deliver Core A and Core B trainings using online using videos as a virtual option to in-person training. However, the portion of the training involving return medication administration demonstration of an oral/liquid (and any other route) to the nurse should always be in person.

Additional training questions may be directed to Celia Bartel at [Celia.Bartel@fssa.in.gov](mailto:Celia.Bartel@fssa.in.gov).

