

Guidance for Reinstatement of Suspended Regulation effective November 1, 2022  
Personal Care Homes (2600) and Assisted Living Residences (2800)

Statute/Regulation	Statute/Regulation's Purpose	Suspension Benefit/Explanation	Suspension Lifted/Guidance
55 Pa. Code § 2600.42(r)	A resident has the right to receive visitors in person.	In-person visitation was restricted due to COVID-19 pandemic. Guidance was updated on January 11, 2022. <a href="#">Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</a>	Full visitation goes back into effect <b>November 1, 2022.</b>  <b>Guidance:</b> Facilities must allow residents to receive visitors for a minimum of 12 hours daily, 7 days per week. Visitation in resident rooms must be unrestricted. If there is a clinical need to temporarily restrict visitation due to a Covid-19 or other infectious disease outbreak, facilities must contact their Regional Office for approval of the temporary restriction. If such approval is granted, the date and time of the contact with the Regional Office and the content of the conversation must be documented.
55 Pa. Code § 2600.51	Criminal history checks and hiring policies shall be in accordance with the Older Adult Protective Services Act.	Limited. A facility may extend a provisional hire for the sole reason that FBI clearances/checks are not available. The facility must document the reason why the FBI clearance/check was not available. Providers shall obtain the FBI clearances/checks within 60 days from the date the suspension of the regulation is lifted. This only relates to licensing requirements and does not change any other law. <a href="#">Regulatory suspension expired December 6, 2021.</a>	Providers shall obtain FBI clearance/checks by <b>December 6, 2021.</b>  <b>Guidance:</b> Employees requiring FBI clearances/checks and hired between <b>March 6, 2020</b> , and <b>December 6, 2021</b> , must have these clearances checks dated no later than <b>February 4, 2022</b> . All employees hired after <b>December 6, 2021</b> , must have criminal background checks completed in compliance with Chapter 2600 and the Older Adult Protective Services Act.
55 Pa. Code § 2600.56	The administrator shall be present in the home an average of 20 hours or more per week, in each calendar month.	Limited. If an administrator is required to manage multiple facilities because another administrator has been quarantined or isolated, BHSL will not cite failure to meet this requirement. <a href="#">Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</a>	All providers shall have an administrator present for an average of 20 hours or more per week by <b>November 1, 2022.</b>  <b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory.
55 Pa. Code § 2600.57 (b)	Direct care staff persons shall be available to provide at least 1 hour per day of personal care services to each mobile resident.	Limited. Providers shall notify their Bureau of Human Services Licensing (BHSL) regional office via email of any anticipated or actual staff shortages and of their plan to mitigate the staff shortage for approval by the regional director for BHSL. <a href="#">Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</a>	Direct care staff persons shall be available to provide at least 1 hour per day of personal care services to each mobile resident in accordance with the regulation by <b>November 1, 2022.</b>  <b>Guidance:</b>

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			Facilities that did not provide the minimum required direct care service hours during the regulatory suspension ( <b>March 6, 2020</b> , through <b>October 31, 2022</b> ) and did not get approval from the Regional Director may be cited if the period in question is reviewed.
55 Pa. Code § 2600.57 (c)	Direct care staff persons shall be available to provide at least 2 hours per day of personal care services to each resident who has mobility needs.	Limited. Providers shall notify their regional office via email of any anticipated or actual staff shortages and of their plan to mitigate the staff shortage for approval by the regional director for BHSI. <u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u>	Direct care staff persons shall be available to provide at least 2 hours per day of personal care services to each mobile resident in accordance with the regulation by <b>November 1, 2022</b> .  <b>Guidance:</b> Facilities that did not provide the minimum required direct care service hours for each resident who has mobility needs during the regulatory suspension ( <b>March 6, 2020</b> , through <b>October 31, 2022</b> ) and did not get approval from the Regional Director may be cited if the period in questions is reviewed.
55 Pa. Code § 2600.64 (c)	An administrator shall have at least 24 hours of annual training relating to the job duties. The Department-approved training sources listed in subsection (a) fulfills the annual training requirement for the first year.	Full. The administrator shall complete the annual training within 90 days from the date the suspension of the regulation is lifted. <u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u>	The administrator shall complete the annual training by <b>January 31, 2023</b> , for training years ending in <b>2022</b> Facilities will not be cited for failure to maintain compliance with this regulation for training years ending in <b>2020</b> and <b>2021</b> .  <b>Guidance:</b> All training for training years ending in <b>2022</b> may be completed online. Training for training years ending in <b>2023</b> may also be completed online, provided that at least 12 of the 24 training hours are completed in a live online training format (e.g., Zoom, Teams, etc.)
55 Pa. Code § 2600.65 (e)	Direct care staff persons shall have at least 12 hours of annual training related to their job duties.	Full. The direct care staff shall complete the annual training within 90 days from the date the suspension of the regulation is lifted. <u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u>	The direct care staff shall complete the annual training by <b>January 31, 2023</b> , for training years ending in <b>2022</b> . Facilities will not be cited for failure to maintain compliance with this regulation for training years ending in <b>2020</b> and <b>2021</b> .  <b>Guidance:</b> Self-Explanatory
55 Pa. Code § 2600.65 (f)	Training topics for the annual training for direct care staff persons shall include the following:  (1) Medication self-administration training	Full. The direct care staff shall complete the annual training within 90 days from the date the suspension of the regulation is lifted. <u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u>	The direct care staff shall complete the annual training by <b>January 31, 2023</b> , for training years ending in <b>2022</b> . Facilities will not be cited for failure to maintain compliance with this regulation for training years ending in <b>2020</b> and <b>2021</b> .

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	<p>(2) Instruction on meeting the needs of the residents as described in the preadmission screening form, assessment tool, medical evaluation, and support plan.</p> <p>(3) Care of residents with dementia and cognitive impairments.</p> <p>(4) Infection control and general principles of cleanliness and hygiene and areas associated with immobility, such as prevention of decubitus ulcers, incontinence, malnutrition, and dehydration.</p> <p>(5) Personal care service needs of the resident.</p> <p>(6) Safe management techniques</p> <p>(7) Care for residents with mental illness or an intellectual disability, or both, if the population is served in the home.</p>		<p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-Explanatory</p>
<p>55 Pa. Code § 2600.65 (g)</p>	<p>Direct care staff persons, ancillary staff persons, substitute personnel and regularly scheduled volunteers shall be trained annually in the following areas:</p> <p>(1) Fire safety completed by a fire safety expert or by a staff person trained by a fire safety expert. Videos prepared by a fire safety expert are acceptable for the training if accompanied by an onsite staff person trained by a fire safety expert.</p> <p>(2) Emergency preparedness procedures and recognition and response to crises and emergency situations.</p> <p>(3) Resident rights.</p> <p>(4) The Older Adult Protective Services Act</p> <p>(5) Falls and accident prevention.</p> <p>(6) New population groups that are being served at the residence that were not previously served, if applicable.</p>	<p>Full. The direct care staff shall complete the annual training within 90 days from the date the suspension of the regulation is lifted. <u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></p>	<p>The direct care staff persons, ancillary staff persons, substitute personnel and regularly scheduled volunteers shall complete the annual training by <b>January 31, 2023</b>, for training years ending in <b>2022</b>. Facilities will not be cited for failure to maintain compliance with this regulation for training years ending in <b>2020</b> and <b>2021</b>.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-Explanatory</p>

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<p>55 Pa. Code § 2600.104 (b)</p>	<p>Dishes, glassware, and utensils shall be provided for eating, drinking, preparing, and serving food. These utensils must be clean, and free of chips and cracks. Plastic and paper plates, utensils and cups for meals may not be used on a regular basis.</p>	<p>Limited. Facilities may use plastic and paper plates, utensils, and cups for meals for infection control purposes. <a href="#">Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</a></p>	<p>Providers shall resume using dishes, glassware, and utensils effective <b>November 1, 2022.</b></p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory</p>
<p>55 Pa. Code § 2600.104 (e)</p>	<p>Breakfast, midday, and evening meals shall be served to residents in a dining room except in the following situations:</p> <p>(1) Service in the resident's room shall be available at no additional charge when the resident is unable to come to the dining room due to illness</p> <p>(2) When room service is available in a home, a resident may choose to have a meal served in the resident's room. This shall be provided at the resident's request and may not replace daily meals in a dining room.</p>	<p>Limited. Facilities will be expected to follow guidance provided by Department of Health (DOH). <a href="#">Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</a></p>	<p>Effective <b>November 1, 2022</b>, providers shall provide meal service in the dining room in accordance with this regulation.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory</p>
<p>55 Pa. Code § 2600.132(a)</p>	<p>An unannounced fire drill shall be held at least once a month.</p>	<p>Full. The suspension of the regulation shall lift upon the date the Disaster Proclamation is lifted by the Governor. <a href="#">Regulatory suspension expired December 6, 2021.</a></p>	<p>All providers should begin conducting unannounced fire drills in the month of <b>December 2021.</b></p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Facilities may be cited for failure to conduct a monthly fire drill in <b>December 2021</b> and thereafter. If a facility was unable to complete a full fire drill due to an outbreak, the fire drill record should be documented to include contact with the Regional Director (RD), why the drill was not completed or modified, and what was done (e.g., if there was an outbreak in the facility limited to one unit designated as red, the RD would have provided instructions to complete the drill in the "green" zones. These instructions should be noted in the record.)</p> <p>Facilities will not be cited if they conducted fire drills during the regulatory suspension (<b>March 6, 2020</b>, through <b>December 6, 2021</b>) and were not in compliance with the regulations related to fire drills including failure to</p>

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			evacuate all residents within the safe evacuation time specified by the fire safety expert.
55 Pa. Code § 2600.132(b)	A fire safety inspection and fire drill conducted by a fire safety expert shall be completed annually. Documentation of this fire drill and fire safety inspection shall be kept.	Full. The annual fire safety inspection and fire drill conducted by a fire safety expert must be completed within 60 of the date the Disaster Proclamation is lifted by the Governor. <u>Regulatory suspension expired December 6, 2021.</u>	The annual fire safety inspection and fire drill conducted by a fire expert must be completed by <b>December 31, 2021</b> .  <b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory
55 Pa. Code § 2600.141 (b) (1)	A resident shall have a medical evaluation at least annually.	Limited. If the resident’s primary care physician determines that the medical evaluation can be conducted at a later date, then the facility can postpone the medical evaluation to the date determined by the physician; provided that, the medical evaluation must be performed no later than 90 days after the Emergency Declarations is lifted. The facility shall document the primary care physician’s determination in the resident’s record for subsequent review. <u>Regulatory suspension expired December 6, 2021.</u>	All residents shall have a medical evaluation within the past 12 months by <b>December 6, 2021</b> .  <b>Guidance:</b> Facilities may be cited for failure to have an annual medical evaluation completed for each resident by <b>December 6, 2021</b> . Virtual annual medical examinations completed during the regulatory suspension ( <b>March 6, 2020</b> , through <b>December 6, 2021</b> ), are acceptable if approved by the attending physician.
55 Pa. Code § 2600.190 (a)	A staff person who has successfully completed a Department-approved medications administration course that includes the passing of the Department's performance-based competency test within the past 2 years may administer oral; topical; eye, nose and ear drop prescription medications and epinephrine injections for insect bites or other allergies.	Limited. Staff who have been previously trained may continue to administer oral; topical; eye, nose and ear drop prescription medications; and epinephrine injections for insect bites or other allergies for up to 90 days beyond the staff's training renewal date. <u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u>	All staff training for medication administration must be current within 90 days of their training renewal date or by <b>January 31, 2023</b> , whichever date is earliest.  For staff that utilized the Modified Medication Administration course available through <b>July 31, 2022</b> , the Department of Human Services extended the deadline to complete the Standard course until <b>July 31, 2023</b> . Beginning <b>August 1, 2022</b> , staff persons must take the Standard Course.  <b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory

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<p>55 Pa. Code § 2600.190 (b)</p>	<p>A staff person is permitted to administer insulin injections following successful completion of a Department-approved medications administration course that includes the passing of a written performance-based competency test within the past 2 years, as well as successful completion of a Department-approved diabetes patient education program within the past 12 months.</p>	<p>Limited. Staff who have been previously trained may continue to administer insulin injections for up to 90 days beyond the staff's training renewal date. <u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></p>	<p>Staff training must be current 90 days beyond the staff's training renewal date or by <b>January 31, 2023, whichever date is earliest</b> for staff to be permitted to administer insulin injections.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory</p>
<p>55 Pa. Code § 2600.221 (a)</p>	<p>The administrator shall develop a program of activities designed to promote each resident's active involvement with other residents, the resident's family, and the community.</p>	<p>Limited. Facilities will be expected to follow guidance provided by DOH. <u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></p>	<p>A program of activities will be available to promote each resident's active involvement with other residents, the resident's family, and the community by <b>November 1, 2022</b></p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory</p>
<p>55 Pa. Code § 2600.236</p>	<p>Each direct care staff person working in a secured dementia care unit shall have 6 hours of annual training related to dementia care and services, in addition to the 12 hours of annual training specified in 2600.65 (relating to direct care staff person training and orientation.)</p>	<p>Full. The training shall be completed within 90 days from the date the suspension of the regulation is lifted. <u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></p>	<p>The direct care staff shall complete the annual training by <b>January 31, 2023</b>, for training years ending in <b>2022</b>. Facilities will not be cited for failure to maintain compliance with this regulation for training years ending in <b>2020</b> and <b>2021</b>.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory</p>
<p>55 Pa. Code § 2600.237 (a)</p>	<p>The following activities shall be offered at least weekly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Gross motor activities, such as dancing stretching and other exercise.</li> <li>(2) Self-care activities, such as personal hygiene.</li> <li>(3) Social activities, such as games, music and holiday and seasonal celebrations.</li> <li>(4) Crafts, such as sewing, decorations and pictures.</li> <li>(5) Sensory and memory enhancement activities, such as review of current events, movies, storytelling, picture albums, cooking, pet therapy and reminiscing</li> </ul>	<p>Limited. Facilities will be expected to follow guidance provided by DOH. <u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></p>	<p>Providers will be expected to offer the required activities by <b>November 1, 2022</b>.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory</p>

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	(6) Outdoor activities, as weather permits, such as walking, gardening and field trips.		
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55 Pa. Code § 2800.57 (b)	Direct care staff persons shall be available to provide at least 1 hour per day of personal care services to each mobile resident.	Limited. Providers shall notify their BHSL regional office via email of any anticipated or actual staff shortages and of their plan to mitigate the staff shortage for approval by the regional director for BHSL. <u><a href="#">Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</a></u>	Direct care staff persons shall be available to provide at least 1 hour per day of personal care services to each mobile resident in accordance with the regulation by <b>November 1, 2022</b> .  <b>Guidance:</b> Facilities that did not provide the minimum required direct care service hours during the regulatory suspension ( <b>March 6, 2020</b> , through <b>October 31, 2022</b> ) and did not get approval from the Regional Director may be cited if the period in question is reviewed.
55 Pa. Code § 2800.57 (c)	Direct care staff persons shall be available to provide at least 2 hours per day of personal care services to each resident who has mobility needs.	Limited. Providers shall notify their regional office via email of any anticipated or actual staff shortages and of their plan to mitigate the staff shortage for	Direct care staff persons shall be available to provide at least 2 hours per day of personal care services to each mobile resident in accordance with the regulation by <b>November 1, 2022</b> .

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55 Pa. Code § 2800.65 (h)	Direct care staff persons shall have at least 16 hours of annual training relating to their job duties.	Full. The direct care staff shall complete the training within 90 days from the date the suspension of the regulation is lifted. <a href="#">Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</a>	The direct care staff shall complete the annual training by <a href="#">January 31, 2023</a> , for training years ending in <a href="#">2022</a> . Facilities will not be cited for failure to maintain compliance with this regulation for training years ending in <a href="#">2020</a> and <a href="#">2021</a> .  <b>Guidance:</b> Self-Explanatory
55 Pa. Code § 2800.65 (i)	Training topics for the annual training for direct care staff persons must include the following: (1) Medication self-administration training (2) Instruction on meeting the needs of the residents as described in the preadmission screening form, assessment tool, medical evaluation and support plan. (3) Care of residents with dementia and cognitive impairments. (4) Infection control and general principles of cleanliness and hygiene and areas associated with immobility, such as prevention of decubitus	Full. The direct care staff shall complete the training within 90 days from the date the suspension of the regulation is lifted. <a href="#">Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</a>	The direct care staff shall complete the annual training by <a href="#">January 31, 2023</a> , for training years ending in <a href="#">2022</a> . Facilities will not be cited for failure to maintain compliance with this regulation for training years ending in <a href="#">2020</a> and <a href="#">2021</a> .  <b>Guidance:</b> Self-Explanatory



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	<p>ulcers, incontinence, malnutrition, and dehydration.</p> <p>(5) Assisted living service needs of the resident.</p> <p>(6) Safe management techniques</p> <p>(7) Care for residents with mental illness or an intellectual disability, or both, if the population is served in the home.</p>		
55 Pa. Code § 2800.65 (j)	<p>Direct care staff persons, ancillary staff persons, substitute personnel and regularly scheduled volunteers shall be trained annually in the following areas:</p> <p>(1) Fire safety completed by a fire safety expert or by a staff person trained by a fire safety expert. Videos prepared by a fire safety expert are acceptable for the training if accompanied by an onsite staff person trained by a fire safety expert.</p> <p>(2) Emergency preparedness procedures and recognition and response to crises and emergency situations.</p> <p>(3) Resident rights.</p> <p>(4) The Older Adult Protective Services Act</p> <p>(5) Falls and accident prevention.</p> <p>(6) New population groups that are being served at the residence that were not previously served, if applicable.</p>	<p>Full. The direct care staff shall complete the training within 90 days from the date the suspension of the regulation is lifted.</p> <p><u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></p>	<p>The direct care staff shall complete the annual training by <b>January 31, 2023</b>, for training years ending in <b>2022</b>. Facilities will not be cited for failure to maintain compliance with this regulation for training years ending in <b>2020</b> and <b>2021</b>.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-Explanatory</p>
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55 Pa. Code § 2800.104 (e)	<p>Breakfast, midday, and evening meals shall be served to residents in a dining room except in the following situations:</p>	<p>Limited. Facilities will be expected to follow guidance provided by Department of Health (DOH).</p> <p><u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></p>	<p>Providers shall resume using dishes, glassware, and utensils effective <b>November 1, 2022</b>.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b></p>

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55 Pa. Code § 2800.132(a)	An unannounced fire drill shall be held at least once a month.	Full. The suspension of the regulation shall lift upon the date the Disaster Proclamation is lifted by the Governor. <u><a href="#">Regulatory suspension expired December 6, 2021.</a></u>	<p>All providers should begin conducting unannounced fire drills in the month of <b>December 2021</b>.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Facilities may be cited for failure to conduct a monthly fire drill in <b>December 2021</b> and thereafter. If a facility was unable to complete a full fire drill due to an outbreak, the fire drill record should be documented to include contact with the Regional Director (RD), why the drill was not completed or modified, and what was done (e.g., if there was an outbreak in the facility limited to one unit designated as red, the RD would have provided instructions to complete the drill in the “green” zones. These instructions should be noted in the record.)</p> <p>Facilities will not be cited if they conducted fire drills during the regulatory suspension (<b>March 6, 2020</b>, through <b>December 6, 2021</b>) and were not in compliance with the regulations related to fire drills including failure to evacuate all residents within the safe evacuation time specified by the fire safety expert.</p>
55 Pa. Code § 2800.132(b)	A fire safety inspection and fire drill conducted by a fire safety expert shall be completed annually. Documentation of this fire drill and fire safety inspection shall be kept.	Full. The annual fire safety inspection and fire drill conducted by a fire safety expert must be completed within 60 of the date the Disaster Proclamation is lifted by the Governor. <u><a href="#">Regulatory suspension expired December 6, 2021.</a></u>	<p>The annual fire safety inspection and fire drill conducted by a fire expert must be completed by <b>December 31, 2021</b>.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b></p>

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<p>55 Pa. Code §2800.141(a)(11)</p>	<p>Requires residents to have a medical evaluation, including a Tuberculin skin test.</p>	<p>Following CDC guidance related to vaccination and TB testing may put providers out of compliance. The Department has temporarily issued a limited suspension of the timing of the TST regulatory requirements. Compliance with the TST requirements will be achieved if the licensee, individual, or staff person meets the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consults with their physician regarding the recent administration of the COVID-19 vaccination and upcoming TST</li> <li>• Obtains documentation of the COVID-19 vaccine administration, including the date of administration or written documentation from the individual's or staff person's physician of the necessity to defer TST</li> <li>• Follows physician recommendations as it relates to TST as soon as possible after completing a COVID-19 vaccine schedule.</li> </ul> <p><u>Regulatory suspension expired December 6, 2021.</u></p>	<p>All residents shall have a Tuberculin skin test. Providers should follow physician recommendations regarding timing of administering the test considering vaccination status.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Facilities may be cited for failure to complete TB test within 2 years; or if the tuberculin skin test is positive, the result of a chest X-ray. In the event a tuberculin skin test has not been administered, the test shall be administered within 15 days after admission.</p> <p>Facilities will not be cited for failure to comply with this regulation between <b>March 6, 2020</b>, and <b>December 6, 2021</b>, if the facility demonstrates that the following provisions are met relating to postponing the test due to COVID-19 vaccination schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consults with their physician regarding the recent administration of the COVID-19 vaccination and upcoming TST.</li> <li>• Obtains documentation of the COVID-19 vaccine administration, including the date of administration or written documentation from the individual's or staff person's physician of the necessity to defer TST; and</li> <li>• Follows physician recommendations as it relates to TST as soon as possible after completing a COVID-19 vaccine schedule.</li> </ul>
<p>55 Pa. Code § 2800.141(b)(1)</p>	<p>A resident shall have a medical evaluation at least annually.</p>	<p>Limited. If the resident's primary care physician determines that the medical evaluation can be conducted at a later date, then the facility can postpone the medical evaluation to the date determined by the physician; provided that, the medical evaluation must be performed no later than 90 days after the Emergency Declarations is lifted. The facility shall document the primary care physician's determination in the resident's record for subsequent review.</p> <p><u>Regulatory suspension expired December 6, 2021.</u></p>	<p>All residents shall have a medical evaluation within the past 12 months by <b>December 6, 2021</b>.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Facilities may be cited for failure to have an annual medical evaluation completed for each resident by <b>December 6, 2021</b>. Virtual annual medical examinations completed during the regulatory suspension (<b>March 6, 2020</b>, through <b>December 6, 2021</b>), are acceptable if approved by the attending physician.</p>

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<p>55 Pa. Code § 2800.190 (a)</p>	<p>A staff person who has successfully completed a Department-approved medications administration course that includes the passing of the Department's performance-based competency test within the past 2 years may administer oral; topical; eye, nose and ear drop prescription medications and epinephrine injections for insect bites or other allergies.</p>	<p>Limited. Staff who have been previously trained may continue to administer oral; topical; eye, nose and ear drop prescription medications; and epinephrine injections for insect bites or other allergies for up to 90 days beyond the staff's training renewal date. <a href="#"><u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></a></p>	<p>All staff training for medications administration must be current within 90 days of their training renewal date or by <b>January 31, 2023</b>, whichever date is earliest.</p> <p>For staff that utilized the Modified Medication Administration course available through <b>July 31, 2022</b>, the Department of Human Services extended the deadline to complete the Standard course until <b>July 31, 2023</b>. Beginning <b>August 1, 2022</b>, staff persons must take the Standard Course.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory</p>
<p>55 Pa. Code § 2800.190 (b)</p>	<p>A staff person is permitted to administer insulin injections following successful completion of a Department-approved medications administration course that includes the passing of a written performance-based competency test within the past 2 years, as well as successful completion of a Department-approved diabetes patient education program within the past 12 months.</p>	<p>Limited. Staff who have been previously trained may continue to administer insulin injections; for up to 90 days beyond the staff's training renewal date. <a href="#"><u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></a></p>	<p>Staff training must be current 90 days beyond the staff's training renewal date or by <b>January 31, 2023, whichever date is earliest</b> for staff to be permitted to administer insulin injections.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory</p>
<p>55 Pa. Code § 2800.221 (a)</p>	<p>The residence shall develop a program of daily activities designed to promote each resident's active involvement with other residents, the resident's family and the community and provide the necessary space and equipment for the activities in accordance with 2800.98 and 2800.99 (relating to indoor activity space; and recreation space). The residence shall offer the opportunity for the resident's active participation in the development of the daily calendar.</p>	<p>Limited. Facilities will be expected to follow guidance provided by DOH. <a href="#"><u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></a></p>	<p>A program of activities will be available to promote each resident's active involvement with other residents, the resident's family, and the community by <b>November 1, 2022</b></p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory</p>
<p>55 Pa. Code § 2800.236 (a)</p>	<p>Each direct care staff person working in a special care unit for residents with Alzheimer's disease or dementia shall have 8 hours of initial training within the first 30 days of the date of hire and a minimum of 8 hours of annual training related to dementia care and services, in addition to the 16</p>	<p>Full. The direct care staff shall complete the annual training within 90 days from the date the suspension of the regulation is lifted. <a href="#"><u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></a></p>	<p>The suspension of this regulation was applicable only to the annual training portion of the regulation. Staff must have completed the initial 8-hours of training in compliance with the regulation.</p>

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	<p>hours of annual training specified in 2800.65 (relating to staff orientation and direct care staff person training and orientation.</p>		<p>The direct care staff shall complete the annual training by <b>January 31, 2023</b>, for training years ending in <b>2022</b>. Facilities will not be cited for failure to maintain compliance with this regulation for training years ending in <b>2020</b> and <b>2021</b>.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory</p>
<p>55 Pa. Code 2800.236 (b)</p>	<p>Each direct care staff person working in a special care unit INRBI shall have 8 hours of initial training within the first 30 days of the date of hire and a minimum of 8 hours of annual training related to brain injury, in addition to the 16 hours of annual training specified in 2800.65 and any continuing education required for professional licensing.</p>	<p>Full. The direct care staff shall complete the annual training within 90 days from the date the suspension of the regulation is lifted. <u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></p>	<p>The suspension of this regulation was applicable only to the annual training portion of the regulation. Staff must have completed the initial 8-hours of training in compliance with the regulation.</p> <p>The direct care staff shall complete the annual training by <b>January 31, 2023</b>, for training years ending in <b>2022</b>. Facilities will not be cited for failure to maintain compliance with this regulation for training years ending in <b>2020</b> and <b>2021</b>.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory</p>
<p>55 Pa. Code § 2800.237 (a)</p>	<p>The following activities shall be offered at least weekly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Gross motor activities, such as dancing stretching and other exercise.</li> <li>(2) Self-care activities, such as personal hygiene.</li> <li>(3) Social activities, such as games, music and holiday and seasonal celebrations.</li> <li>(4) Crafts, such as sewing, decorations and pictures.</li> <li>(5) Sensory and memory enhancement activities, such as review of current events, movies, storytelling, picture albums, cooking, pet therapy and reminiscing</li> </ol> <p>Outdoor activities, as weather permits, such as walking, gardening and field trips.</p>	<p>Limited. Facilities will be expected to follow guidance provided by DOH. <u>Regulatory suspension expired October 31, 2022.</u></p>	<p>Providers will be expected to offer the required activities by <b>November 1, 2022</b>.</p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> Self-explanatory</p>