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Community Care Foster Family Home Program

Aloha CCFFH Operators,

Below are updates and specific information about the CCFFH program that you need to be aware of. A copy of this newsletter can be found on our website using the link to the right. You are responsible for reading and adhering to the content.

In-Service Hours

Hawaii Administrative Rules and Hawaii Revised Statutes require in-service training hours as stated below. Effective July 1, 2018, CPR, First Aid and Blood borne Pathogen and Infection Control training hours **will no longer be accepted toward the in-service training hours**. These requirements are listed separately under the law and rules and are separate DOH requirements. In-service hours are in addition to the requirements mentioned above.

- 1 and 2 bed homes:
- 12 hours/year for PCG
- 8 hours/year for SCG

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3 bed homes:
12 hours within 12 months OR
24 hours within 24 months for all caregivers

17-1454-41 Personnel and Staffing.

(b) The primary caregiver and substitute caregiver shall meet the following requirements:

(8) Have documentation of current training in blood borne pathogen and infection control, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and basic first aid.

(c) The primary caregiver shall attend twelve hours, and the substitute caregiver shall attend eight hours, of in-service training annually which shall be approved by the department as pertinent to the management and care of clients. The primary caregiver shall maintain documentation of training received by all caregivers, in the caregiver file in the home.

321-483 Community care foster family home, authority over and evaluation of.

(b) The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 relating to:

(4) Requirements for primary and substitute caregivers caring for three clients in community care foster family homes including:

(B) Mandating that primary and substitute caregivers complete a minimum of twelve hours of continuing education every twelve months or at least twenty-four hours of continuing education every twenty-four months.

CMA Unannounced Visits

To ensure the safety and welfare of their clients, CMAs have an obligation and a duty

to make unannounced visits to their clients in Community Care Foster Family Homes. CMAs have been directed by MedQuest, CTA and DOH to increase their unannounced visits. The HARs allow for all CMA visits to be unannounced and are not limited to once a month.

Any CCFFH that has a client who changes CMAs after receiving an unannounced visit by that CMA will be investigated by CTA, MedQuest and/or the client's Health Plan. Should the investigation reveal that a caregiver or household member instructed the client to change CMAs, the home will be in violation of the HARs and sanctioned.

17-1454-48.1 Quality Assurance.

(d) The home shall cooperate at all times with the case management agency serving a client it has placed in the home. Such cooperation shall include providing the case management agency access to the home and the client at any time requested by the case management agency.

Home Clutter

It has come to CTAs attention that homes are not adhering to the HARs concerning home safety. Homes must follow all HARs 24/7/365 days a year. MedQuest informed CTA that during some visits, there was enough clutter that caused concern regarding the health, safety and welfare of clients. All caregivers are responsible for ensuring the CCFFH is clean and safe, and any emergency evacuation can occur without difficulty.

Should a CMA, MedQuest, APS or other State Government worker contact CTA regarding

cluttered, untidy or a potentially unsafe CCFFH, the home may be sanctioned per the HARs.

17-1454-48 Physical Environment.

(a) The home shall include:

(6) A means of unobstructed travel from the client's bedroom to the outside of the dwelling at street or ground level.

(c) Housekeeping requirements shall include the following:

(3) The home shall be maintained in a clean, well ventilated, adequately lighted, and safe manner.

Mahalo,

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