

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**BUREAU OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING**  
**Family Living Homes**  
(55 Pa.Code Chapter 6500)

**Q/A - Regulatory Clarifications – September 2016**

*The clarifications and interpretations below will remain on the Department's web site until the information is included in the next updated Regulatory Compliance Guide (RCG).*

**Regulation: § 6500.20(a) – Reporting of Unusual Incidents**

*§ 6500.20(a) – An unusual incident is abuse or suspected abuse of an individual; injury, trauma or illness of an individual requiring inpatient hospitalization; suicide attempt by an individual; violation or alleged violation of an individual's rights; an individual who is missing for more than 24 hours or could be in jeopardy if missing at all; misuse or alleged misuse of individual funds or property; outbreak of a serious communicable disease as defined in 28 Pa. Code § 27.2 (relating to reportable diseases); or an incident requiring the services of a fire department or law enforcement agency.*

**Question:** Is HIV still a serious communicable disease to be reported to Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH)?

**ANSWER:** There is no change to the mandated HIV reporting to the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The Pennsylvania HIV reporting regulations require a physician, hospital, facility, person providing HIV services or person in charge of an entity providing HIV services to report HIV cases within 5 days of obtaining the test results. The regulations also allow the Health Department to conduct record audits of physicians, Hospitals, persons, facilities providing HIV services and persons in charge of entities providing HIV services who make diagnoses of HIV or receive or provide HIV test results.

**Question:** Is cancer and influenza still a serious communicable disease to be reported to Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH)?

**ANSWER:** There is no change to the mandated cancer and influenza reporting to the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

**Regulation: § 6500.138(a) – Medications Training**

*§ 6500.138(a) – Family members who administer prescription medications or insulin injections to individuals shall receive training by the individual's source of health care about the administration, side effects and contraindications of the specific medication or insulin.*

**Question:** Can a pharmacist train family members who administer medications regarding the administration, side effects and contraindications of the specific medication or insulin?

**ANSWER:** A pharmacist may train family members who administer medications regarding the administration, side effects and contraindications of the specific medication or insulin, including epi-pens. However, insulin administration training must be provided by a certified diabetes educator.