



COMMISSIONER  
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To: Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 10-121  
Attendant Orientation

The purpose of this letter is to remind Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) providers that all unlicensed attendants must receive orientation to tasks specific to the MDCP individual in the MDCP individual's place of residence prior to providing services. This requirement in 40 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 50, §51.421(c) states: A provider who employs an attendant for an individual must:

- (1) provide the attendant with individual-specific information and training in the individual's residence on all tasks that the attendant will perform;
- (2) deliver the training according to the requirements described in §97.245 of this title (relating to Staffing Policies); and
- (3) document:
  - (A) when the training was conducted; and
  - (B) the tasks covered in the training.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Lori Roberts, at (512) 438-5391 or by e-mail at [lori.roberts@dads.state.tx.us](mailto:lori.roberts@dads.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

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