



COMMISSIONER
Jon Weizenbaum

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To: Community Based Alternatives
Home and Community Support Services Agencies
Community Based Alternatives Assisted Living Facilities

Subject: Information Letter No. 13-18

Re: Pre-filling Medication Planners

The purpose of this information letter (IL) is to clarify that individuals receiving CBA services who reside in ALFs will not have nursing services authorized for the Home and Community Support Services Agency staff to pre-fill medication planners. Pre-filled medication planners are devices that are used to organize medications and dosages.

Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs) are responsible for pre-filling medication planners for individuals receiving Community Based Alternatives (CBA) who reside in an ALF.

Title 40 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 46, Subchapter C, Section 46.41(b)(G) (relating to Required Services) requires ALFs to provide medication administration, including injections. Since ALFs are responsible for providing medication administration, ALF staff are also responsible for pre-filling medication planners following guidelines in Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 225, Section 225.11.

For questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact the Department of Aging and Disability Services at CBA@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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