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To: All Nurse Consultation Providers, Residential Habilitation Providers, Day Services Providers, and DDDS Staff

From: Kami Giglio, Assistant Director of Community Services

Date: February 3, 2023

Re: Clarification on Sunscreen and Thickening Agents

Questions were recently raised regarding Limited Lay Administration of Medication (LLAM) procedures and requirements pertaining to the use and application of sunscreen and thickening agents that are added to liquids.

After consultation with the Delaware Board of Nursing (BON) it has been determined that neither sunscreen nor thickening agents need a healthcare provider's order and do not need to be recorded on the Medication Administration Record (MAR). Any DSP (with proper training) can apply sunscreen or prepare liquids using a thickening agent. LLAM trained Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAPs) are not the only staff who may assist with these products.

Sometimes providers request a healthcare provider's order for thickening agents for insurance coverage purposes, to avoid requiring a service recipient to pay out-of-pocket. This practice may continue. It still does not need to be on the MAR, according to the BON.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Kamin.Giglio@delaware.gov