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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Trainers of Staff at Facilities Licensed by DBHDS  
Providers of Services Licensed by DBHDS

**FROM:** Dr. Dawn M. Adams DNP, ANP-BC, Director Health Services DDS

**DATE:** November 20, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Glucagon and Epinephrine Administration

Consistent with the Memo released by Les Saltzberg, Ph.D., Former Director Office of Licensing dated June 28, 2013:

“The 2013 General Assembly of Virginia passed House Bill 1444 which amended §§ 8.01-225 and 54.1-3408 of the Code of Virginia to add providers licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to those already approved to provide the administration of insulin, glucagon, and epinephrine to individuals receiving services in an emergency situation without being liable for civil damages.”

The expanded code does require additional education and training for medication providers. Currently, there is only one Virginia BON approved curriculum for Glucagon and Epinephrine administration for staff in programs licensed by DBHDS. This curriculum is available through Fidura and Associates. Should you need to be able to administer Glucagon to provide services to your clients, Fidura is offering a “pull out” curriculum to meet this need at a drastically reduced cost of \$35.00 plus shipping. Should you need this attain this competency please contact [Fidura & Associates, Inc.](http://Fidura & Associates, Inc.) 804 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 201 Richmond, Virginia 23236 804-560-4640; 804-560-4813 FAX.