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To: 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver Stakeholders

From: Pam Smith
Director, Division of Long-Term Services and Supports

Date: September 22, 2022

Re: First Aid Training for Individuals with Seizures

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), Division of Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) is reaching out to all stakeholders about first aid training for individuals with seizures. Many 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver participants have a history of or manage seizures as a part of their daily lives. Those who provide support and services to waiver participants with seizures know extra knowledge and care are necessary to promote health, safety, and welfare for those participants.

While there are no regulatory requirements that mandate participation in seizure-specific first aid training, DMS LTSS wants to take this opportunity to express our support and encouragement for providers and their staff to take full advantage of the training that is available. Providers who work with participants who are at risk for seizures have several options for first aid training. Please see the list of links below that include some but not all, available training resources:

American Red Cross:

<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/online-safety-classes/all-online-classes>

Centers for Disease Control:

<https://www.cdc.gov/epilepsy/about/first-aid.htm>

Epilepsy Foundation of America:

<https://www.epilepsy.com/programs/training-education>

Epilepsy Foundation of Kentucky:

<https://www.efky.org/education--training.html>

Please note that DMS LTSS does not endorse any specific training module or organization. We encourage participants and their families, guardians, or other natural supports to communicate openly and clearly with their case managers and person-centered planning team if they desire this training for those that provide them with services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pam Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pam Smith
Director, Division of Long-Term Services and Supports