

**Health Regulation & Licensing
Administration***Sent via Email***JUL 24 2019****ALERT**

Dear Providers and Prospective Providers,

As a follow-up to our previous Alert, issued on April 10, 2019, please accept this as notification that the Department of Health (DC Health), Health Regulation and Licensing Administration, has established a new program for Home Support Agencies on an emergency basis, effective on July 24, 2019.

Home Support Agencies (HSAs) will be licensed by DC Health to provide non-medical personal care services to clients in the home setting through the assignment of employed Home Health Aides (HHAs). Personal care services are limited to individual assistance with/or supervision of activities of daily living, companion services, homemaker services, and reporting changes in client's condition. *Personal care services do not include skilled services.*

DC Health will be hosting upcoming informational sessions to help prospective HSA providers learn more about the program. The purpose of these sessions will be to orient prospective applicants to the regulatory requirements for this new licensing category, the application requirements, and to answer questions about how HSAs differ from Home Care Agencies and Nurse Staffing Agencies.

The information sessions will be offered on the following days and times:

Friday, July 26, 2019 from 9:00AM - 11:30AM in Room 216

Friday, July 26, 2019 from 12:30PM - 3:00PM in Room 216

Monday, July 29, 2019 from 4:00PM - 6:30PM in Room 216

Kindly RSVP for the information session that you plan to attend, as seats will be limited. RSVPs should be directed to Caitlin Houck, Supervisory Health Services Program Specialist at caitlin.houck@dc.gov or on 202-442-4736.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Sharon Mebane, Program Manager, Intermediate Care Facilities Division at sharon.mebane@dc.gov or on 202-442-4751.

Attachment:

Emergency Regulations for Home Support Agencies