

Hello all,

First, I want to wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. It has been a while since my last update but there are a couple of items that I would like to tell you about.

- We continue to monitor the performance of the items (questions) on the MAP tests as well as the skills demonstration measurements and make clarifications as indicated. We appreciate your continued feed back as that perspective, along with the test statistics, helps with any analysis that we do.
- DDS and DMH will be meeting with D&S the week of Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss overall test performance so far as well as a mid year contract review. If you have any concerns, issues (or praise) that you want us to address, please get those comments to me by Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> .
- Because the demand for MAP ID cards has been much greater than we or D&S anticipated and the cost to produce them is escalating, we decided to add the option to print out a MAP Certification ID Card to the MAP Registry. Providers can now print out MAP ID cards for their staff in the same way you now print out MAP Certificates. It is an added option in the print dropdown under “**Select From**”. It is called “**Certification Card**”. **Remember, only the “Certification Letter” printed from the registry (or a copy) is accepted as proof of Certification in MAP sites.** The ID card is in response to the request from some providers to give staff who may be transporting medications for multiple individuals some type of identification in case they are questioned about why they are carrying the medications. The ID cards are optional and are not a requirement of MAP.
- Lastly, on a separate but not unrelated note, the revised MAP policy manual is now available at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/laws-regs/dph/regs-a-d/drug-control/medication-admin/medication-administration-program-policy-manual.html>

I have attached a “cheat sheet” outlining the changes to the Manual. I have also attached an abbreviated “policy manual” showing only those policies that were revised or created. Please download the complete manual from the above link and replace the MAP Policy Manuals you now have in the programs with the revised one (effective 12/1/11).

I look forward to continuing our work together in the coming year.

Sharon