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TO: Kentucky Assisted Living Communities
FROM: Victoria Elridge, Commissioner *VE*
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SUBJECT: **SECOND REVISED MEMO** (from 5/6/22 Memo) Dementia Curriculum Review & Implementation

In March of 2021 Governor Beshear signed Senate Bill 61 that set minimum training requirements for direct care staff members that are employed by facilities or programs regulated by the cabinet that provide services to individuals who exhibit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias in the populations they serve. The Office of Dementia Services in the Department for Aging and Independent Living has been designated to review and approve all provider agencies' dementia training curriculum. The training is for staff who are directly employed or by agency contract whose work involves extensive contact with individuals who exhibit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias per 910 KAR 4:010.

Facilities or programs must ensure that all direct care staff have completed cabinet-approved culturally competent and person-centered training before providing care to recipients who exhibit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. Facilities or programs must also ensure that all direct care staff who provide care to recipients who exhibit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias have received at least six (6) hours of cabinet-approved training within the first sixty (60) days of employment and a minimum of three (3) additional hours of cabinet-approved training annually. This initial training curriculum shall include but is not limited to the following topics: Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, Person-Centered Care, Assessment & Care Planning, Activities of Daily Living, and Dementia-Related Behaviors and Communications.

Following the creation or amendments of administrative regulations 902 KAR 20:081, 906 KAR 1:180, and 910 KAR 4:010, which became effective on February 10, 2022, all current direct care staff who provide care to patients who exhibit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias must complete a **total of (6) hours of training** no later than **July 14, 2022 and then three (3) hours annually**. After **July 14, 2022**, all new direct care staff must complete the initial 6-hour dementia care training before providing services to clients who exhibit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. Trainings that were in place before July 15, 2021, can continue to be utilized until officially approved by DAIL or determined not to meet the criteria.

To request a curriculum review application or a list of pre-approved training or if you have any questions regarding curriculum review and approval, please contact Jennifer Craig at Jennifer.craig@ky.gov.



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