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**Medication Administration Program
Advisory Ruling
The Role of Nurses in the Medication Administration Program**

Re: The Role of Nurses in the Medication Administration Program

The Board of Registration in Nursing prohibits registered and licensed practical nurses from delegating the administration of medication. See 105 CMR 3.05(5). Therefore, a registered or licensed practical nurse cannot supervise the administration of medication by unlicensed staff through the direct authorization model.

Because of this, it is the policy of the Medication Administration Program (MAP), a direct authorization model, that a registered or licensed practical nurse cannot have the dual role of Site Supervisor and nurse within the same program unless medications are only being administered by nurses. If a nurse elects to work as a Site Supervisor in a program that has MAP Certified staff administering medications that nurse must become MAP Certified in order to administer medications at that site and that nurse cannot practice as a nurse at that program site.