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Dear Child Day Program Administrator,

In response to provider requests, the Medication Administration Training (MAT) Program announces release of the new **MAT Seizure Rescue Nasal Spray online course**. This **FREE** course is **NOW** available on the **MAT Online Learning Center** and enables **MAT-Certified providers** to quickly and conveniently gain **authorization to administer seizure rescue nasal spray (SRNS)** to children in their care.

**IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO GIVE SEIZURE RESCUE NASAL SPRAY:** As of **November 15, 2023**, to be authorized to give seizure rescue nasal spray to a child in their care, a provider must meet **ONE** of the following criteria:

1. Holds a current **MAT Certificate** AND a current **MAT Seizure Rescue Nasal Spray Online Course Completion Certificate**
2. Holds a current **MAT Certificate** AND a current **MAT Epilepsy for Certified Providers Certificate**
3. Holds a current **MAT Epilepsy for Uncertified Providers Certificate**

**Why this change has been made:** seizure rescue nasal sprays are controlled substance prescription medications for emergency treatment of severe seizures, given by spray into the nose. Two such medications are Valtoco and Nayzilam. These medications are highly addictive and very easily administered, and therefore carry a high risk of overdose as well as addiction. Given these risks, the manufacturer has set forth multiple safety criteria that must be met before a dose can be safely given, including a maximum number of doses the child has received in the past 30 days, a minimum number of days since the last dose, and for seizure clusters, a minimum number of hours since the last dose and a sign and symptom check to screen for respiratory depression from the prior dose, among other rules. Providers must also have a pre-arranged "Plan B" in the event of a seizure emergency at a time when the child cannot receive a dose due to one or more of these safety rules not being met.

Compliance with these multiple safety rules and related procedures in a high-pressure emergency situation creates a unique challenge for providers.

**About the new MAT Seizure Rescue Nasal Spray online course:** In the interest of child safety, the MAT Program has created the Seizure Rescue Nasal Spray online course, which focuses on training providers on the SRNS safety rules and testing them on the application of these rules in a variety of real-world situations, to help ensure they will be able to do this quickly and correctly in the event of an emergency seizure situation.

This course is short and includes a brief **open-book quiz** that providers have **two opportunities to pass**. Those who pass this quiz earn the MAT Seizure Rescue Nasal Spray Online Course Completion Certificate. **Those who fail the quiz twice must take the MAT Epilepsy course**, which includes a classroom portion, so that a MAT Trainer can verify in person that the provider understands how to correctly apply the safety rules in real-world situations, to gain authorization to give seizure rescue nasal spray.

**How to register for the Seizure Rescue Nasal Spray online course:** In the interest of child safety, only providers who hold a current MAT Certificate, MAT First Renewal Certificate, or MAT Epilepsy Certificate can register for the MAT Seizure Rescue Nasal Spray online course. To register for this online course, please click the green **Customer Service Link** in the "**Need Help**" section (upper left-hand side) of the MAT Online Learning Center. Fill in the request form that pops up providing your **first name, last name**, and **correct email address** and select "**REGISTER ME for the MAT Seizure Rescue Nasal Spray Online Course**" as the "type of issue". Then **submit** the help request. Our MAT Program staff will verify your certificate status, and if you hold the necessary certificate type required for enrollment in this online course, our office will manually enroll you in this course and notify you by email. Providers **MUST** provide a valid, working email address to receive this notification.

Please feel free to contact the MAT Program Office by sending an email directly to [matsupport@medhomeplus.org](mailto:matsupport@medhomeplus.org) with any questions you may have regarding this online course. Thank you for all you do to improve the lives of Virginia's children!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. A. Jiancristoforo', written in a cursive style.

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