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To: Massachusetts Professional Nursing and Healthcare Organizations

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Re: Advisory Ruling 9602 Language Change by Board

At the July 14, 2010 Board of Registration in Nursing (Board) meeting the Board changed language in Advisory Ruling 9602: *Nursing Practice Related to Medication Administration*, which guides the practice of Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses employed in, or employed as nurse consultants to, community residences under the auspices of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health (DMH) and/or Department of Mental Retardation (DMR).

On June 30, 2009 the agency known as the Department of Mental Retardation changed its name to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

Advisory Ruling 9602 now reflects the current departmental name. No substantive changes were made to the Advisory Ruling.