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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dennis Blair, Director  
Bureau of Health Provider Standards

FROM: Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.   
State Health Officer

DATE: January 30, 2020

SUBJECT: Dementia Education and Training Act Care Series Training

State Board of Health Rules for Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs), Rule 420-5-4-.04(6)(a)12 require that:


"All staff who have contact with residents, including the administrator, shall have initial training prior to resident contact and refresher training annually and as necessary; identifying signs and symptoms of dementia."

State Board of Health Rules for Specialty Care Assisted Living Facilities (SCALFs), Rule 420-5-20-.04(9)(b), require that:

"Prior to providing any resident care, all staff shall complete The Dementia Education and Training Act (DETA) Care Series Training developed by the Alabama Department of Mental Health or equivalent training approved by the State Health Officer. All licensed staff shall complete DETA Brain Series Training, The Pharmacological Management of Dementia, and the Dementia Assessment Series provided by the DETA Program or equivalent training approved by the State Health Officer prior to resident contact. Documentation of all staff training to include attendance records and any required post-test or evaluations shall be maintained."

Effective immediately, due to the passage of Act 2019-453 ("Alabama Alzheimer's and Dementia Education, Care, and Training Act"), and until receipt of funding by the Alabama Department of Public Health to allow development of educational programs and services concerning Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and related diseases, I, as State Health Officer, approve all courses administered through the Alzheimer's Association as an equivalent training for purposes of compliance with the above State Board of Health Rules.

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