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Josh Berg  
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Dear Josh,

Thank you for presenting on the topic of the new Minnesota Home Care licensure requirements this week. We have three Medicare certified agencies and are proactively preparing to be in compliance.

As we prepare, we have a few questions we are hoping you, or your staff, can answer for us, as follows:

1. 144A.4971, subd. 3 – Do we need to comply with this requirement only for clients we admit after our renewal date, or, do we need to provide the required written statement of home care services to all current clients?
2. 144A.4796, subd. 6 – I've enclosed a copy of our "Hero Guide" which details our core policies and practices. In addition, we provide written policies that are specific to a client's need for services to our field staff. Will the combination of the "Hero Guide" plus the client-specific policies satisfy the requirement for policy review? We have many administrative policies (e.g. payroll practices) that do not directly impact client care.
3. Also related to 144A.4796, subd. 6, we provide home care to medically complex pediatric clients. As a result, we offer annual CPR training. Can we include CPR training as part of our 8 hours of annual training?

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Sincerely,

Lisa Fowler  
Division Director