Direct Health Care Staff

By statute, Delaware gives the authority to the Secretary of Health and Social Services to adopt regulations which require dementia specific training each year for persons who are certified, licensed, or registered by the State, and/or who are partially or fully funded by the State, to provide direct health care services to persons diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. The mandatory training must include the following topics: communicating with persons diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia; the psychological, social, and physical needs of those persons; and safety measures which need to be taken with those persons.

Direct Care Staff in Nursing Homes

Delaware regulation outlines the training required for individuals working with dementia patients in Skilled and Intermediate Care Nursing Facilities. The mandatory training must include: communicating with persons diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia; the psychological, social, and physical needs of those persons; and safety measures which need to be taken with those persons.

Certified Nursing Assistants

Delaware requires specific training and education requirements for Nursing Assistants and Certified Nursing Assistants, in relation to dementia patients, and mandates six (6) hours of dementia training during each 24 month certification period. Delaware regulation outlines the specific training and education requirements for Nursing Assistants and Certified Nursing Assistants, in relation to dementia patients. The regulation requires that CNAs demonstrate certain competencies with respect to provision of care to residents with dementia including: recognizing signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; identifying types of dementias; discussing methods for managing difficult behavior; demonstrating effective communication techniques; and recognize specific issues that arise in providing care to persons with Alzheimer's disease and other memory loss conditions and appropriate interventions for
dealing with these problems including, but not limited to: agitation, combativeness, sundown syndrome, wandering.

**Assisted Living Facilities**

Delaware outlines the training required for personnel providing direct care to dementia patients in Assisted Living Facilities. The mandatory training must include: communicating with persons diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia; the psychological, social, and physical needs of those persons; and safety measures which need to be taken with those persons.

**Group Home for Persons with AIDS**

Delaware regulation outlines the training required for personnel providing direct care to dementia patients in group home facilities for patients with AIDS. The mandatory training must include: communicating with persons diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia; the psychological, social, and physical needs of those persons; and safety measures which need to be taken with those persons.

**Rest (Family) Care Homes**

Delaware regulation outlines the training required for personnel providing long-term direct care to individuals diagnosed with dementia, that includes: communicating with persons diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia; the psychological, social, and physical needs of those persons; and safety measures which need to be taken with those persons.

**Adult Day Care Facilities**

Delaware regulation outlines the training required for personnel providing direct care to dementia patients in Adult Day Care facilities. The mandatory training must include: communicating with persons diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia; the psychological, social, and physical needs of those persons; and safety measures which need to be taken with those persons.
Home Health Agencies

Delaware regulation outlines the training required for personnel providing direct care to dementia patients in Home Health Agencies, and requires at least 12 hours annually, including dementia specific training that includes communicating with persons diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia; the psychological, social, and physical needs of those persons; and safety measures which need to be taken with those persons. There are additional regulations for home health agencies providing skilled nursing care.

Personal Assistance Services

Delaware regulations require that Personal Assistance Services Agencies that provides direct healthcare services to persons diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia shall provide dementia specific training to those healthcare providers who must participate in continuing education programs. The mandatory training must include: communicating with persons diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia; the psychological, social, and physical needs of those persons; and safety measures which need to be taken with those persons.

Feeding Assistants

Delaware requires dementia training for feeding assistants.

Medicaid Waiver

A Medicaid waiver covers assisted living services.