NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Legislation Regarding Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia

A new statute was enacted in New Hampshire, effective May 27, 2014, regarding Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, that provides for the following:

- The commissioner, in collaboration with the director of the police standards and training council and the local chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, will establish training education programs for both the general public and special interest groups, including law enforcement.

- A permanent subcommittee on Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementia shall be established, and among other tasks, the subcommittee shall study existing services and resources, including but not limited to: dementia-specific training requirements for long-term care staff, and the capacity of public safety and law enforcement to respond to persons with Alzheimer's disease.

- The commissioner will establish training programs for persons providing services to people with Alzheimer’s.

- The director of police standards and training council must provide education and training to law enforcement on Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementias.

Alzheimer’s Respite Care

By regulation, New Hampshire requires agencies that employ individuals who provide Alzheimer’s respite care services to ensure that staff has received training in the following subject areas: the diagnosis, characteristics, symptoms and progress of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ADRD) specifically, including the physical and mental functioning of the person with ADRD; management of potential behavior problems that arise during various stages of ADRD; and certain aspects of care of the person with ADRD (communication, behavior problems, nutrition, etc.).
Residential Care and Supported Residential Care (Assisted Living)

By regulation, community residences at the residential care and supported residential care levels, must ensure that all direct care personnel providing services to persons with Alzheimer’s or dementia in a community residence at residential care and supported residential care facilities must be trained in special care needs of individuals with dementia, Alzheimer's disease or mental illness.

Adult Day Programs

By regulation, adult day programs must ensure that all direct care personnel providing services to persons with Alzheimer’s or dementia must be trained in special care needs of individuals with dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or mental illness.

Medicaid Waiver

A Medicaid waiver covers the cost of services in an assisted living.