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**To:** All Administrators of Long Term Care Facilities

**From:** Alison Gibson, Director  
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**Subject:** Alzheimer's Training Curriculum

In August 2005, the Department produced an Alzheimer's Training Curriculum that conforms to the adopted amendment under N.J.A.C. 8:39- 13.4, which addresses mandatory staff education and communication. The curriculum was developed in accordance with N.J.S.A, 26: 2M-7.2 (for certified nurse aides, licensed practical nurses, registered professional nurses and other health care professionals who provide direct care to residents within long term care facilities). The curriculum has two applications: (1) Orientation of new hires and (2) On-going annual re-training of staff. Training shall include all components under N.J.A.C. 8:39-13.4. Facilities may update the provided curriculum as necessary. The Division will not provide updates to the curriculum.

The Division of Long-Term Care Systems gratefully acknowledges The New Jersey Geriatric Education Center, and the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter, for allowing the use and modification of their train-the-trainer manual, *Alzheimer's Caregiving, A Search for the Right Way*. Their project was supported by funds from the Division of State, Community, and Public Health, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources Services Administration, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Funding was also provided in part by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and the Division of Aging and Community Services. We also acknowledge the support of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater N.J. Chapter. All three organizations are listed on the second page of this correspondence and should be contacted for additional training resources.

This Curriculum has been modified to allow for a 6-hour training course to be conducted by facility personnel. The agenda provided is a suggested one, and the times for each module may be modified according to your training needs. This is a basic program and does not include the slides, activities, games or tools that were incorporated into the original training manual prepared by the New Jersey Geriatric Education Center and Alzheimer's Association-Delaware Valley Chapter. Contact information is included and these organizations may be contacted if you desire a more in-depth or a train-the-trainer program.

The Curriculum is available on the Division of Health Facilities Evaluation and Licensing website at:

< <http://www.state.nj.us/health/healthfacilities/documents/ltc/alzheimertrainingmanual.pdf> >

This is reached by:

- Logging onto the Division *Home Page* at: < <http://www.state.nj.us/health/healthfacilities/> >
- Click on the title in the left column *Administrator and Nurse Aide*
- Click on *Nurse Aide Certification in Long Term Care Facilities*
- Select *Alzheimer's Training Curriculum for Long Term Care Facilities*

Questions regarding the Curriculum can be directed to the Training Team at (609) 633-8990.

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