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Administer Medication to a Camper

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RE: Clarification of Recreational Camp document titled: Authorization to Administer Medication

to a Camper (completed by parent/guardian)

DATE: March 29, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

If your child may require any medication during their time at camp, Massachusetts regulations require the camp to follow certain procedures to ensure minimum safety requirements are met (105 CMR 430.000: *Minimum Standards for Recreational Camps for Children* (State Sanitary Code, Chapter IV)). The attached consent form gives the camp permission to store and administer medication to the camper by certain trained camp staff. The criteria below explain the requirements for those medications and the procedures the camp must follow. It is important for you to carefully review these criteria and discuss any specific questions with camp staff.

If providing prescription

Medications must be stored at camp in a secure location. When camp session ends, all remaining medications must be returned to the parent or guardian