Welcome to Nurse Dispensing

Training Materials Reviewed/Revised 01/09
Nurse Dispensing

On April 29, 1999, the Board of Physician Quality Assurance (BPQA), now the Maryland Board of Physicians, voted to issue a Declaratory Ruling allowing medication dispensing by public health nurses.
The BPQA ruled that “a physician employed by DHMH or LHD may delegate dispensing authority to certain registered nurses who have received approved training to dispense medications and devices in a safe and legal manner.”
Nurse Dispensing

Under the Declaratory Ruling, registered nurses who have met the training requirements and have been delegated dispensing authority by the authorized physician, may dispense medications and devices contained in the Committee on Nurse Dispensing’s approved formulary **ONLY** to LHD patients receiving certain clinical services.
Nurse Dispensing

Medications and devices may be dispensed **ONLY** to LHD patients receiving services for

- Communicable disease,
- Alcohol and medication abuse,
- Family planning, and/or
- Reproductive health
Nurse Dispensing

The training modules for Nurse Dispensing are intended for Registered Nurses working in a local health department who will dispense medications and devices as delegated by a physician employed by DHMH or the Local Health Department.
Nurse Dispensing

- The following modules will cover all aspects of Nurse Dispensing and are intended to be completed in one sitting.

- Training must be completed and a score of 90% or better received on the post test prior to the Registered Nurse being authorized to dispense medications and devices.

- Throughout the modules, the term medication is used generically to represent medications and/or devices.