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State Department of Health

Non-Nursing Home Long-Term Care Provider Call; COVID-19 Blanket Waivers Ending; Nurse Aide Training Program and Certification Renewal; Non-Nursing Home LTC Grids

April 19, 2022

Reminder! Non-Nursing Home LTC Provider Call

Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Time: 3-4 p.m.

Intended Audience: This call is intended for Non-Nursing Home facility types including Assisted Living, Adult Day Care, and Residential Care facilities.

A separate notice will be sent regarding access information for the Nursing/Skilled Nursing Provider call. **Please note, ICF/IID facilities should make plans to attend the 1 p.m. call.**

Staff responsible for implementing the guidance and overseeing infection control are strongly encouraged to attend these calls.

We encourage everyone to access the call via the [link](#) provided as we may share visual instruction on various calls and we don't want you to miss out.

If you are a Non-Nursing home facility, as identified above, please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone by clicking [here](#) (preferred method).

During the meeting you will be able to submit questions via the Q&A feature.

To join by phone:

[+1 405-898-0717](tel:+14058980717) United States, Oklahoma City (Toll)

Conference ID: 400 152 711#

Click [here](#) to easily access the call.

Update to COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers

On April 7, 2022, CMS notified providers in [QSO Memo QSO-22-15-NH & NLTC & LSC](#) that some of the COVID-19 Emergency Blanket Waivers would be ending.

There are multiple Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers ending either 30 or 60 days from publication of [QSO-22-15-NH & NLTC & LSC](#). The *Training and Certification of Nurse Aides for SNF/NFs - 42 CFR §483.35(d) (Modification and Conditional Termination)* is ending 60 days from the publication date.

CMS reminded states that all nurse aides, including those hired under the above blanket waiver at 42 CFR §483.35(d), must complete a state approved Nurse Aide Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) to become a certified nurse aide. Additionally, CMS did not waive the requirement that the individual employed as a nurse aide be competent to provide nursing and nursing related services at 42 CFR §483.35(d)(1)(i), and that requirement must continue to be met.

In a [CMS press release on April 7th](#), CMS stated they will maintain flexibility for certain requirements, such as making temporary waivers available for nurse aides' certification if there are documented capacity issues in training or testing programs, and CMS will retain the ability until the expiration or termination of the national COVID-19 PHE to issue individual state-based, county-based, or facility-based waivers as needed. If you experience any problems with getting your nurse aides trained or tested, contact the LTC Survey Department at: (405) 426-8200, or email LTC@health.ok.gov.

Details regarding the cessation of waivers may be found in [QSO-22-15-NH & NLTC & LSC](#).

Nurse Aide Training Program and Certification Renewal

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) - Nurse Aide Registry (NAR) is responsible for the approval and monitoring of Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Programs including, but not limited to, education-based programs and employer-based program, and determining curricula and standards for training and competency programs as specified in § 63-1-1951(A)(2-3).

For your convenience we are providing a list of approved [Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Programs](#) and you may also locate the list, along with additional resources, on the [OSDH Nurse Aide Registry website](#).

If you are needing to renew your nurse aide certification you may renew up to six (6) months in advance by submitting a [digital application](#).

If you have had a name change since your last renewal please include a certified copy of the marriage license or other court document which reflects the changes of name when you submit the application.

For additional information, visit [Nurse Aide and Nontechical Services Worker Registry](#) or contact our Nurse Aide Registry office at: (405) 426-8150 or by email: nar@health.ok.gov

Non-Nursing Home LTC Grids

The Non-Nursing Home Grids were updated on March 17th and the links to each grid are being providing again for your reference. You may also easily locate the grids on our [LTC COVID-19 Resource webpage](#) under Related Topics.

- [Non-Nursing Home Visitation Grid](#)
- [NF/SNF Testing Grid](#)
- [NF/SNF Miscellaneous Grid](#)

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