



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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To all nursing facilities,

Please be advised that as of June 7, 2022, the Temporary Nurse Aide (TNA) Program ended. No new TNA's may be added to that program. Nursing facilities cannot hire anyone to work as a TNA, unless they completed their TNA training prior to June 7th, 2022, and met the criteria for the TNA program with the **required documentation**:

- 8-hour Temporary Certificate taken prior to 6/7/22,
- MSDH skills check off sheet completed prior to 6/7/22,
- Applied to test for their Nurse Aide Certification.

The State has been granted a Temporary Statewide NATSEP Waiver by CMS, to allow TNA's time to complete testing for CNA Certification, due to the inability of the testing Intermediary to complete the CNA Skills Check off Certification tests in the time required. Any Temporary Nurse Aides (TNA's) that are still currently working in a nursing facility, have until April 7, 2023, to successfully take, and pass the NNAAP exam to become certified. After April 7, 2023, any TNA that is not certified will not be able to provide direct care for residents until they become certified.

If the nursing home has a Nurse Aide Training Program the students in the program have 120 days from the date of hire to get trained and tested.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Certified Nurse Aide Coordinator for more information.

Thank you,

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