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Kentucky Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program COVID 19 Information and Procedures

Due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Medicaid Services (DMS) has issued a letter related to Kentucky Nurse Aide Training and Testing Competency Program (NATCEP) providers, frequently referred to as MNA or SRNA state testing.

The statement is below:

Dear Kentucky Nurse Aide Training Providers:

The purpose of this letter is to notify Nursing Facilities and other Nurse Aide Training Providers that due to the COVID-19 precautions, the Department for Medicaid will be temporarily waiving the mandatory sixteen (16) hours of supervised clinical instruction prior to testing as well as the skills demonstration portion of the final examination until further notice. Upon employment, the mandatory sixteen (16) hours of supervised clinical instruction must be completed within the first thirty (30) days of employment. The Department for Medicaid has increased the testing window by thirty (30) days which allows (150) days from date of employment to be identified on the registry. The Department will continue to monitor these waivers and update as needed during this COVID-19 emergency.

The above statement in no way changes the regulatory requirements in Kentucky to become a State Registered Nurse Aide. This only changes the process/workflow.

As the provider for Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP), the following is being shared to provide clarity for these emergency deviations from the normal policy and procedure. These guidelines will only be in effect as long as the State of Emergency is in force in Kentucky. These guidelines are subject to change at any moment depending on information received from the Governor of Kentucky, Andy Beshear.

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System will provide partial NATCEP written testing on a limited basis starting April 6, 2020. Testing priority will be given as follows:

1. Current facility trained employees
2. Nurse aide training students with an offer of employment or seeking employment to be employed within 30 days.

3. All other nurse aide training students including those seeking testing to obtain College and Career Readiness or for nursing school application.

Please be patient with us. KCTCS testing TOP PRIORITY is to prepare workforce for Nursing Facilities. We can only do very limited testing at this point due to social distancing and infection control procedures. Please go to the KCTCS website for specific information on the testing process. This site will be updated frequently. By Monday April 6, we will have links to every testing center for scheduling and the NEW COVID 19 rosters that MUST be used for testing during this time of emergency. Thank you.

<https://nurseaide.kctcs.edu/>