



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of HEALTH SERVICES

Wisconsin COVID-19 Health Emergency

Nurse Aide Emergency Training Program Update

April 20, 2022

Division of Quality Assurance

Nurse Aide Emergency Training Program Agenda

- History of Nurse Aide Emergency Training Programs and End of Federal 1135 Waivers
- Rescinding Waivers to Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 129: Timelines and Procedures
 - Emergency Training Programs
 - Temporary Aides
- What Next?
 - Permanent Training Program Application
- Questions

Presented by: WI DHS - Division of Quality Assurance, Bureau of Education Services and Technology

Nikki Andrews

Therese Van Male

Molly Gutt

Sara Skowronski (Headmaster)

Julia Lehman-Caldwell

Bridget O'Meara

Heather Newton

Nurse Aide Training Emergency Rules

- CMS issued [1135 Waivers](#) mid-March, 2020
- Governor Evers released [Emergency Order #21](#) April 3, 2020
- Waivers granted May 2020
- DHS published [Emergency Rule 2029](#) August 10, 2020
 - Related to Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 129
 - Two extensions were approved through May 6, 2021
 - Only two extensions are allowed
- Waivers required to continue Emergency Training Programs, use of temporary aides
 - Nurse aide training waivers were approved for the duration of the 1135 waivers

Nurse Aide Stats: Two Years Later

- Thank you for your perseverance!!
- Since March 12, 2020:
 - Over **11,971** students have completed the Emergency Training Program course.
 - **Nearly 300** providers and nurse aide training programs enrolled as Emergency Training Programs.
 - Over **6,585** new nurse aides added to the Registry!



Thanks for all you do!!!

Rescinding Waivers to Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 129

Emergency Training Programs

- On or before May 7, 2022 (30 days after CMS notification)
 - New programs must be approved prior to May 7, 2022 in order to begin a new class
 - No new training classes initiated unless completed by June 6, 2022
- On or before June 6, 2022 (60 days after CMS notification)
 - Programs must complete all training classes and submit checklists
 - DQA rescinds all waivers for programs and temporary aides. Previously approved permanent training programs may continue to train at the hours for which they are approved
 - 120-day clock starts for all trained students to test and get on the Registry, both for Emergency Training Program and traditionally trained students (October 4, 2022)

Rescinding Waivers to Wis. Admin. Code ch DHS 129

Temporary Nurse Aides – June 6, 2022

- Temporary aides are not on a path to the Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry
- Out-of-state certified nurse aides who are not on the Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry are considered temporary aides
- They must stop working as nurse aides unless:
 - They are employed full time, and
 - Enrolled in an approved permanent nurse aide training program

What Next?

Permanent Nurse Aide Training Programs – June 6, 2022

- Return to previously approved program
 - 120 hours or more (unless approved for change in hours)
 - Primary instructors must meet qualifications
 - Return to contracted clinical sites
- **You may apply for change in hours for your training program:**
[Nurse Aide Training Program - Request for Change in Hours](#)

What Next?

Emergency Training Programs

- You must stop training students after June 6, 2022, unless you have been approved for a permanent training program
- For more information, please visit the [DHS Nurse Aide Training and Registry webpage \(link\)](#)

Testing

Encourage students to complete testing as soon as possible!

- Apply to be a test site: [1502WI](#); [1503WI](#)
- Questions regarding testing: wisconsin@hdmaster.com

Summary

On or before May 7, 2022 (30 days after CMS notification)

- **New Emergency Training Programs must be approved prior to May 7, 2022, in order to begin a new class**
- **No new Emergency Training Program training classes initiated**

Summary

On or before June 6, 2022 (60 days after CMS notification)

- Emergency Training Programs must complete all training classes and submit checklists.
- DQA rescinds all waivers for Emergency Training Programs and temporary aides. Previously approved permanent training programs may continue to train at the hours for which they are approved.
- 120-day clock starts for all trained students to test and get on the Registry, both for Emergency Training Program and traditionally trained students (October 4, 2022).
- Temporary aides, not on a path to the Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry, must stop working as nurse aides unless they are employed full time and enrolled in an approved permanent nurse aide training program. Out-of-state certified nurse aides who are not on the Wisconsin Nurse Aide Registry are considered temporary aides.

TEST now!

Resources

- [DHS COVID-19: Nurse Aide webpage](#)
- [DHS Nurse Aide Training and Registry Information](#)
- Wis. Caregiver 2.0: <https://www.whcawical.org/wiscaregiver/>
 - Kate Battiato at kbattiato@whcawical.org
- Contact us: dhswidqa_natcep@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Questions



Thanks for all you do!