

## **1135 waiver Temporary Nurse Aide (TNA) Approval**

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved Pennsylvania's request for a statewide waiver to extend the October 6, 2022 deadline for TNAs to test. CMS has approved the waiver request until April 5, 2023 (180 days) or until the end of the PHE (whichever date comes first). This statewide approval applies to all nursing care facilities in Pennsylvania, so individual facilities do not need to request a waiver. It is imperative that all facilities continue to actively work to get all TNAs onto the Registry by assisting TNAs to complete and submit attestation forms and completing required exams as soon as possible since the end date could be shorter than the April 5, 2023, date if the PHE ends, and it is unlikely that there will be additional extensions

Process:

TNA's must be trained by facility staff

TNA must submit attestation to PDE thru Credentia

Once attestation is approved by PDE (TNA will receive confirmation from Credentia via email at email address provided in CNA365 account), TNA schedules written and skills test (thru Credentia – contact listed below)

TNA receives notification of pass/fail for written and skills test

If pass both tests, entered on registry and receives Certificate

If fails either test, must reschedule test

Upon expiration of the waiver, either April 5, 2023 or the end of the PHE, any TNAs that have not successfully been added to the Registry, will no longer be eligible for employment as a nurse aide in a nursing home.

Information on preparing and registering for tests can be obtained at <https://credentia.com/test-takers/pa> or to speak with a call center agent regarding taking an exam dial: (800) 457-6752