

## UPDATE - CMS Temporary Nurse Aide Waiver

The department received notice from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that the approved CMS waiver extending the deadline for Temporary Nurse Aides (TNA) to complete required examinations is in effect until May 11, 2023.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (department) received additional information from CMS indicating that TNAs who do not complete the required testing by May 11, 2023, may become Nurse Aide Candidates by enrolling in an approved Nurse Aide Training Program. From May 11, 2023, Nurse Aide Candidates will have four months to complete the required testing as long as they are enrolled in an Approved Nurse Aide Training Program. Nurse Aide Candidates may continue to work in facilities while they complete the training program.

The department continues to encourage all nursing care facilities to make every effort to help TNAs to schedule and complete the required exams as soon as possible.

Information on preparing and scheduling tests can be found at

<https://credentia.com/test-takers/pa>.