

Long-term Care

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Long-term Care Update:

- Corrected PCA/TNA to CNA Training Order
- Abbreviated CNA Training in Banned Facilities

More Guidance on Modified CNA Training During the Pandemic

The Indiana Department of Health continues to get questions about recent orders designed to help increase the pool of available CNAs for long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Today, the Department issued two new emergency orders that we hope will answer some of these questions.

Corrected PCA/TNA to CNA Training Order

The Department's October 29, 2020 <u>Amended Order to Expedite Certified Nurse Aide Training for</u> <u>Personal Care Attendants and Temporary Nurse Aides During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency</u> (the "Order to Expedite") tried to make clear that its flexibilities apply equally to Personal Care Attendants ("PCAs") and Temporary Nurse Attendants ("TNAs"), as well as PCAs' and TNAs' respective trainings and work experience. However, the Order did not mention TNAs every time it mentioned PCAs and this seems to have caused confusion. To reduce such confusion in the future, the Department today issued a <u>corrected version</u> of the Order to Expedite that adds TNA references in two places.

Abbreviated CNA Training in Banned Facilities

Several providers have asked the Department whether CNA training under the Order to Expedite or its related October 29, 2020 <u>Amended Order to Facilitate Certified Nurse Aide Training During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency</u> (the "Order to Facilitate") may properly be conducted in a facility currently subject to a NATCEP training ban. The answer is a qualified "yes," as spelled out in the Department's <u>Order Authorizing Abbreviated Training of Certified Nurse Aides in Facilities Subject to CNA Training Bans</u> issued today. *Programs should carefully read and fully understand the Order and its conditions before relying on it to launch any CNA training*.