

ISDH has received some questions about the April 18, 2020 “Sixth Emergency Order Granting Temporary Blanket Waivers for Comprehensive Care Facilities” and the April 20, 2020 “Fifth Emergency Order Granting Temporary Blanket Waivers for Residential Care Facilities.” In response, ISDH provides the following guidance applicable to both orders:

- The certified nurse aide (“CNA”) training and competency requirements of IC 16-28-1-11(c) and 410 IAC 16.2-1.1-48 are satisfied by a person’s successful completion of the “Temporary Nurse Aide” program offered by the American Health Care Association (“AHCA”) and the National Center for Assisted Living (“NACL”) (the “AHCA Program”), including passing the program’s final assessment and competency check-off.
- Anyone who has successfully completed the AHCA Program, including its final assessment and competency check-off, may be utilized as a temporary CNA by a comprehensive care facility in compliance with 410 IAC 16.2-3.1-14(i), and/or a residential care facility in compliance with 410 IAC 16.2-5-1.4(c).
- The AHCA Program’s competency check-off may be performed by any registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who has worked in a licensed comprehensive care facility or residential care facility for the immediately preceding six (6) months.
- Each facility that utilizes a temporary CNA approved through the AHCA Program must (1) maintain documentation showing the aide completed the Program, including passing its final assessment and competency check-off; and (2) give notice to ISDH by filling in the Temporary Nurse Aide – Registry Spreadsheet and emailing the completed document to aides@isdh.in.gov.
- ISDH does not plan to issue “Procedure Cards” for temporary nurse aides like those earlier issued for personal care attendants. Because the duties and scope of work for these temporary aides are the same as for “permanent” CNAs, facilities should already have appropriate guidance and procedure materials.