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LTC Newsletter 2023-09

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CMS Memo QSO-23-13-ALL: Guidance for the Expiration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE)

CMS released memo [QSO-23-13-ALL](#) on May 1. Social Security Act Section 1135 emergency waivers for health care providers will terminate with the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11. Certain regulations or other policies included in Interim Final Rules with Comments (IFCs) will be modified with the ending the PHE. Certain policies, such as the Acute Hospital at Home initiative and telehealth flexibilities have been extended by Congress through Dec. 31, 2024. Long-term care and Acute and continuing care providers are expected to be in compliance with the requirements according to the timeframes listed in the memo.

Training Videos on the Use of Opioid and Psychotropic Medications

Training videos available from Qsource cover the important topics of the appropriate use of opioids and consideration for the use of psychotropics (including antipsychotics) in long-term care residents.

[DropBox condensed version](#)

[YouTube condensed version](#)

[DropBox full-length version](#)

Nurse Aide Findings Email Listserv Sign-up

All administrators and designated individuals not already receiving emails with up-to-date nurse aide findings should contact SRSHelpDesk@health.in.gov to be added to the email listserv. The email will contain certified nurse aides (CNA), qualified medication aides (QMA) and home health aides (HHA) who have had new findings for abuse, neglect, or misappropriation placed on the Indiana Aides Registry.

An abuse or misappropriation finding means that the aide is permanently prohibited from working as a CNA, QMA, or HHA.

A neglect finding means that the aide is prohibited from working as a CNA, QMA, or HHA for at least one year. The aide may then request to have his or her certification reinstated.

By signing up for the email listserv, you will be included on the most up-to-date findings placed on nurse aides potentially working in your facility. As always, you may also check the registration status of an aide online at <https://www.in.gov/pla/license/>.

New Aides Training Programs Newsletter

IDOH has established a new newsletter to better communicate with Indiana CNA, QMA and HHA training programs and provide important updates in a timely manner. This newsletter is planned to be sent out at least quarterly and more often as necessary.

The first issue of the newsletter was sent out on April 27 using the email list we currently have for training programs. Please share the link to subscribe to the Aides Training Programs Newsletter with others who would like to receive it.

[April 27 Aides Training Programs Newsletter](#)

Link to subscribe to IDOH Aides Training Programs Newsletter:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/INSDH/subscriber/new?topic_id=INSDH_921

Indiana Health Care Foundation 2023 Long-Term Care Scholarships

Founded in 1997, the Indiana Health Care Foundation is an independent, statewide 501(c)(3) not-for-profit that provides scholarships and workforce development programming for all long-term care professionals in the state of Indiana.

The 2023 scholarship cycle is now open to ALL long-term care employees in the state. IHCF has more than \$30,000 in scholarship funds available for a variety of LTC professionals and positions! [Learn more here.](#)

Applications are due Sunday, May 21.

- [Career Climb Scholarships](#): Multiple scholarships valued at up to \$1,000 each are available to applicants to use toward any variety of LTC professional development opportunities, including conferences, certifications, college degree programs, one-day training events, etc. from Aug. 1 – Dec. 31.
- [Nursing \(LPN/ASN/BSN\) Scholarships](#): Multiple scholarships are available ranging from \$1,000 - \$5,000 dependent upon merit, need, and demand for individuals
- [Wound Care Certification Scholarship](#): One scholarship valued at \$2,800 for an individual pursuing educational training for the Online Wound Care Management Course through the Wound Care Education Institute.
- [Health Facility Administrator/Residential Care Administrator Scholarship](#): One scholarship valued at up to \$4,295 for an individual pursuing educational training for the Health Facility Administrator/Residential Care Administrator licensure course offered by Success Development, Inc.
- [Social Service Designee Scholarship](#): One scholarship valued at \$599 for an individual pursuing educational training for the six-day Social Services Designee course offered by Success Development, Inc.