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TO: All Facilities
Skilled Nursing In-House Training Programs
Nurse Assistant Training Schools
Home Health Aide Training Programs
Hemodialysis Training Programs
Certified Nursing Assistants
Certified Home Health Aides
Certified Hemodialysis Technicians

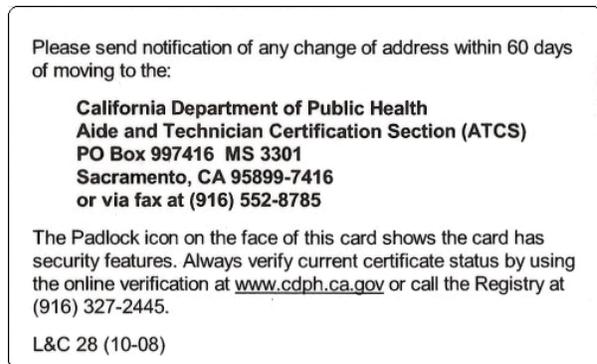
SUBJECT: New Nurse Assistant, Home Health Aide and Hemodialysis Certificates and Updated Applications and Forms

Effective immediately, a redesigned certificate will be issued to certified nurse assistants, home health aides, and certified hemodialysis technicians. These new certificates are being phased in as existing certificates expire. Current certificate holders will not be re-issued a new certificate until they become eligible for renewal. The current design for all existing certificates remains valid until those certificates expire.

Please see the sample of a nurse assistant certificate below. The sample certificate below is not the actual size.



Front



Back

Each new certificate is designed with special pressure seal stock paper which includes several security features. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is encouraging all certificate holders to sign their certificates upon receipt and before presenting the new certificate to potential employers. CDPH also recommends that certificate holders DO NOT laminate their new certificates due to the security features. Laminated cards make it difficult to view certain security features and therefore difficult to verify the authenticity of the card. **However, it is still the responsibility of each facility to verify current certification status by using the online verification at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov> or call the Registry at (916) 327-2445.**

We have also updated many of our applications and forms and have made them available online. All facilities and training programs are advised to obtain the latest copies at the website listed above.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Egstad, Chief, CNA/HHA/CHT Certification Unit at (916) 327-2445 or via email at cna@cdph.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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