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Division of Health Systems Development and Regulation

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Re: Initial application for those seeking certified nurse aide (CNA) registry status

Dear [Program Coordinator, Program Instructor, and Facility Administration]:

Effective **March 2, 2020**, it is the expectation of the Office of Health Care Facilities Licensure and Certification ALL individuals who are being hired or are independently enrolling in a CNA training and testing program will complete the initial application process prior to the start of the training program; and receive confirmation that following successful completion of a training program and the Nurse Aide Competency Evaluation they would be eligible for active registry status.

For those individuals who have already enrolled and started in a training program, please have them complete the initial application process as soon as possible prior to completion of the training and testing.

Please provide a copy of the attached instructions to the individual seeking employment as a CNA so they may complete the initial application process.

Program coordinators and/or instructors follow included instructions to go to site for confirmation of individual eligibility prior to enrolling and starting program.

Should you have any questions or concerns, contact me at 605.995.8057.

Sincerely,

*Diana Weiland*

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