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## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: Nursing Facilities**

**SUBJECT: Updated Guidance Regarding Certification of Temporary Nurse Aides**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is issuing updated guidance regarding the certification of temporary nurse aides. This updates the prior [provider alert](#) dated Aug. 19, 2022. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved South Carolina's request for an extension of the 1135 waiver of the requirements contained in **42 CFR §483.35(d)** Training and Certification of Nurse Aides for Skilled Nursing Facilities/Nursing Facilities. This allows temporary nurse aides to continue working while they are actively working toward completion of testing and certification requirements. **The waiver extends flexibilities until April 6, 2023, or the end of the federally declared public health emergency (PHE), whichever date comes first.**

Additional information regarding reporting requirements for the waiver will be issued.

A comprehensive list of the COVID-19-specific policy guidance SCDHHS issued during the PHE is publicly available at [www.scdhhs.gov/COVID19](http://www.scdhhs.gov/COVID19). Providers with questions about the policy changes announced in this bulletin should submit their questions to [SCNAR@scdhhs.gov](mailto:SCNAR@scdhhs.gov).

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.

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