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**MASS TESTING AVAILABLE FOR NURSING ASSISTANT CERTIFICATION**

Dear Provider/Administrator:

On October 27, 2022, several proclamations issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency will be rescinded by the Governor. (See [Provider letter dated September 9.](#)) Facilities and staff should be planning how to meet the training requirements that were waived under these proclamations before they are no longer in effect.

The Department of Health (DOH) has adopted emergency rules to extend the timelines for individuals in an approved certified nursing assistants training program to complete certification based on their date of hire (WSR 22-19-027). **Click [here](#) to find the dates by which registered nursing assistants must complete training, testing, and certification.** Staff who complete nursing assistant certification according to the timeline in the emergency rules are exempt from completing home care aide certification ([WAC 388-112A-0900](#)).

DOH also set up mass examination sites to assist staff with completing nursing assistant certification. These mass examination sites are now open to staff in adult family homes, assisted living facilities, enhanced services facilities, and group homes. If you have staff who need to complete testing, direct them to the [Credentia Website](#), create a profile, schedule their skills exam, and register to take the on-line computer based written exam.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions or need assistance in scheduling the exam, please contact [nac.exam@doh.wa.gov](mailto:nac.exam@doh.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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