




MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

TO: Participants in the Temporary Nurse Aide Waiver Program

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SUBJECT: Bridge Project

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The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) would like to thank all nursing home facilities that have participated in the Temporary Nurse Aide Waiver Program. MSDH appreciates all efforts that you have made to ensure the protection and well-being of the residents that reside at Mississippi facilities during this difficult time.

Bridge Project

MSDH would like to give the Temporary Aides (TA) an opportunity to become certified, so they can continue to provide care for the residents. In order for the TAs to become Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA), they will have to complete a Nurse Aide Training Program (NATP). Any TA that would like to become certified will be given credit for the 8 hour temporary course that was taken online and full credit for the 16 hours of clinicals that is required by the State Agency (SA).

NATP Classroom Hours	59	NATP Clinical Hours	16
Credit for Online Course	8	Credit for Clinical Hours	16
Total classroom hours needed for TA to complete NATP	51	Total clinical hours needed for TA to complete NATP	0

To Qualify for A NATP

To qualify for a NATP the facility cannot have had an Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) or have been assessed a Civil Money Penalty (CMP) in the amount of \$11,160 or more in the past two years.

Training Centers

One facility can be designated as a training center for several facilities that are part of a corporation.

To Apply for A NATP

If your facility does not have a NATP and would like to apply for a program, please feel free to complete the application that has been attached.

If you have any questions regarding the application or about the Bridge Project, feel free to contact Antanikah "Nicky" Robbins at Antanikah.robbins@msdh.ms.gov or 601-364-2718.

Thank you all for your hard work. Please be safe.