

TN CNA UPDATE

NEWSLETTER

Important Date

October 1, 2012

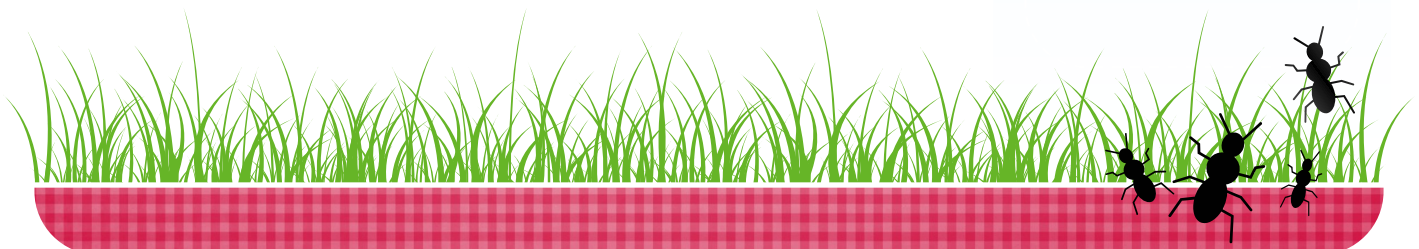
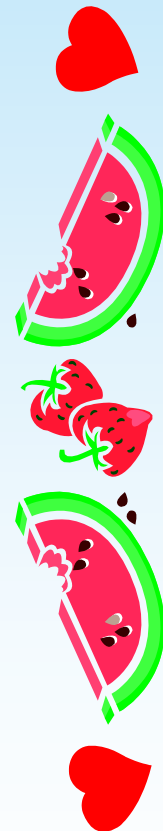
New Skills and
Policy Changes
take Effect

Changes to Testing Policies Effective October 1, 2012

1. ID's that are accepted for the Non-expired, signed, government issued, photo ID are as follows: Drivers License, State ID, Passport (must have the photo, signature and expiration date) , Military ID and Handgun Carry Permit. These are the only acceptable photo ID's. The candidate must also bring their social security card to testing as the second ID (this is not new, just a reminder)
2. The candidate name must be identical on both ID's and also match the name that we have on record at D&S. Any needed name changes must be submitted to our office at least 48 hours prior to the test date. If the name change has not been made prior to testing the candidate will be considered a no show and will be required to re-apply and re-pay for testing.
3. Dispute fees must be received with the dispute or the dispute will be shredded and not processed.

Changes to Skills Testing Effective October 1, 2012

1. Feeding Skill
Step 18. **Candidates calculation is within 30cc/ml of the fluids consumed.**
2. Perineal Care for a Female
All steps now refer to the cleaning direction as FRONT TO BACK
3. Range of Motion Hip & Knee and Range of Motion One Shoulder
Step 15. Leaves resident in a comfortable position and checks and **verbalizes** good body alignment (**MUST VERBALIZE CHECKING GOOD BODY ALIGNMENT**).
4. Vital Signs– Oral Temperature, Pulse and Respiration
Step 4. **Provides privacy for resident pulls curtain.**
5. Weighing an Ambulatory Resident
Step 9. **Appropriately adjusts weights until scale is in balance or observes analog scale (KEY STEP AS OF 10/1/12).**



Only A CNA?

Who are you to refer to us,
As "Only" a CNA?

We're the one's who wash and dress,
Our patients for the day.

We're the one's who take the time,
To listen to them speak.

We listen about their lifetime,
In a forty hour week.

We also give our hands to hold,
When someone's feeling scared.

It's not easy being a patient,
You're never quite prepared.

We take the time to listen,
By lending both our ears.

We listen to their worries,
Or how they've spent their years.

Our arms were made to reach,
And even wrap around.

To give our patients hugs,
When their feeling a little down.

We help our patients do the things,
They used to do on their own.

Everybody needs some help,
Even when we're grown.

So who are you to refer to us,
As "only" a CNA?

We do our best to meet their needs,
Within our working day.

We chose to do this job,
The job did not choose us.

We sympathize and empathize,
Compassion is a must.

We try to keep them comfortable,
And free of any fear.

We sit along beside them,
When that time is near.

We hold their hand, stroke their hair,
Just making sure they know.

Their not alone, an aide is there,
It's ok for them to go.

To all the CNA's keep your head held
high,

We're not "only" CNA's.

WE'RE ANGEL'S IN DISGUISE!!

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New Handbooks are Available for Order

The new candidate handbooks are available to order. You can order books by completing the Handbook order form on the TN web page at www.hdmaster.com or by calling our office and requesting them. Please keep in mind that regardless of when a candidates training occurred they will be tested on the skills as listed in the handbook that is currently effective on the selected test date.

Test Site Needs

We are in need of test sites in the Memphis and Chattanooga areas. Please contact Kelly if you are interested in hosting fixed testing at your location. If you are a long term care facility, please be aware that you are able to post information about your facility and any open positions that you may have in the waiting area for the candidates to review.

Mandatory Cup Information

Statewide observers will be using the same cups for the feeding skill. As requested we are providing you with the style and number of those glasses. There are two websites that you can order from: www.kidsmartliving.com or www.simplysmartliving.com. The candidates will use one of each at testing:

Americana 8 oz. polycarbonate tumbler SKU number TNo61-824

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Americana 8 oz. polycarbonate tumbler SKU number TNo60-448

Mock Skills Testing Check Off Forms

The updated Mock Skills Testing forms with the changes effective October 1, 2012 are available for printing from our webpage. We will leave the current version on the website until September 30, 2012.

