

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2016**

TO: All Certified Nurse Aides (CNA)

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**RENEWAL INFORMATION:** It is YOUR responsibility (NOT YOUR EMPLOYER'S) to maintain your certification with the Nurse Aide Registry. Your certification expires every 2 years after your original issue date printed on your card and certificate. We will not send a renewal notice; you are responsible for remembering your expiration date. **(Check the website anytime you need to know the date.)** 

In order to renew, you must provide proof of <u>a minimum of 8 hours paid employment in a certified</u> <u>health care facility worked during the 2 year certification period.</u> Make sure the name of the facility, your name, number of hours, and date worked are on the proof. Also, be sure to include your current address and telephone number.

**BE SURE to write your CERTIFICATION NUMBER or SSN & PHONE number on all paperwork that you send.** Proof can be a paystub, payroll printout or notarized statement from the facility. You can email, fax or mail the proof.

**DO NOT send your information in earlier than 45 days prior to your expiration date.** (Example: Your expiration date is June 30, 2016. Send your information after May 15, 2016.) Please wait at least 48 – 72 hours after faxing the information before checking the website. If mailed, please wait 7 – 14 days.

**TO REACTIVATE A CERTIFICATION** – If the certification has expired, the CNA will need to contact us at the number above.

**NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGE:** In order to change your name, you must submit a copy of the legal document that changed your name, i.e. marriage license, divorce decree or court order. Be sure to include your certification number or SSN, address & phone number. We will issue a new card when the change is made. In order to change your address, please email or fax a signed note with your certification number or SSN and include your new address or phone number. You are responsible for notifying the Registry for name and/or address changes at all times.

**<u>CERTIFICATION CARD</u>**: This card is for identification purposes only; it does not have an expiration date. It has an issue date only. Your certification expires 24 months (2 years) after your issue date. <u>You will</u> <u>not receive a new card every time you renew.</u> The card can be replaced for name change, when stolen or destroyed.

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