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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Medicaid Certified Nursing Facilities

FROM: Angie Payne, Acting Med-QUEST Division Administrator 

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF THE ASSESSMENT OF THE COMPETENCY OF NURSES AIDES CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY MEDICAID CERTIFIED NURSING FACILITIES

The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) has been asked to clarify the requirement that nursing facilities (NFs) that are Medicare and/or Medicaid certified by the Department of Health (DOH) complete the proficiency checklist for each nurse aide who is employed in its nursing facility (NF) by January 1, 2005.

In consultation with various NF directors of nursing (DONs), Hawaii Long Term Care Association (HLTCA) and HeathCare Association of Hawaii (HAH), the above requirement has been slightly modified to read as follows:

The proficiency checklist must be completed by January 1, 2005, for nurse aides currently employed by the NF and hired by the NF on or before September 1, 2005. Proficiency checklists for nurse aides hired after September 1, 2005, must be completed by July 1, 2006.

The proficiency checklist is not required for nurse aides who trained in State Certified Nurse Aide Training Programs and have documentation to verify this training.

For questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Dr. Lynette Honbo at 692-8105.