

## **CNA Information Relating to COVID-19 Response Changes Under Executive Order 2020-12**

Governor Pritzker signed Executive Order 2020-12 on March 24, 2020. This Executive Order made changes to the requirements for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) to work in Illinois; these changes remain in effect for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.

Also on March 24, 2020, the Illinois Department of Public Health filed emergency Rules to make changes to the Health Care Worker Background Check Code [77 Ill. Adm. Code 995] to implement the provisions of Executive Order 2020-12.

The CNA requirements that have changed under the Executive Order and/or the emergency Rules are as follows:

- **Inactive CNAs:** A Certified Nursing Assistant whose certification is inactive on the Health Care Worker Registry may have that certification reinstated for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, if that CNA:
  - Has been in inactive status for a period of no more than five years,
  - Was in good standing at the time the CNA became inactive, and
  - Completes a form required by the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- **Conditional Employment for CNAs:** The provision limiting conditional employment of Certified Nursing Assistants to three months pending the results of a fingerprint-based criminal history record check has been extended; health care employers can conditionally employ CNAs for up to six months pending the results of a fingerprint-based criminal history record check.
- **Military Applicants:** Military personnel with medical training will be able to serve as Certified Nursing Assistants in health care facilities in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Illinois. These military personnel will be allowed to serve as CNAs without passing the written CNA exam for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation. To qualify, military personnel must complete an application provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health and meet the following criteria:
  - Provide a DD Form 214 demonstrating successful completion of corpsman medic or combat medic training, or
  - Provide documentation of current military occupational specialty as corpsman medic, combat medic, or other related medical training if currently serving in a branch of the U. S. military.

For inactive CNAs, a **new form** for Reinstatement of Inactive Certification as Illinois Certified Nurse Aide is available on the Health Care Worker Registry public website, which is located at <http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/health-care-regulation/health-care-worker-registry>.

For military personnel, a Military Personnel Application is also available on that public website.