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1. We have run out of four-digit numbers for instructor codes. Instructor codes are now issued as five digits beginning with 10.
2. IDPH does not have a drug testing policy for A/BNATP students. Your program or your clinical partner can require it if you feel it is warranted.
3. It will be several months before this is implemented, but I wanted to let everyone know that legislation has passed mandating that we create a Medication Aide-Certified (MA-C) program. I have completed the curriculum, the hours, and have almost finished with the certification exam.

The administrative code has not been written and this is a very long process. I do not anticipate being able to approve any programs before summer 2025. It is something for you to think about. The MA-C has to be at least a CNA I and have 2000 hours of work history within the past three years before enrollment. *This is going to be a tough course!* Currently, there are 130 required hours (theory, lab, and clinicals). I anticipate that students will need to spend 4-6 hours every single day studying for this. I will publish additional information on this early in 2025.

Mosby's and Hartman both have Med Aide textbooks. I am unable to find any others.

I cannot give more information than this but will keep you informed as this program progresses.

All currently approved A/BNATP instructors are qualified to teach this. There is no Train the Trainer program for this, however I will certainly review and approve any programs at the community college level if someone wants to create a TtT program or add to an existing TtT program. Current administrative code does not allow TtT courses outside of the community college setting. That will change in early spring 2025 to allow any willing program to offer TtT programs.

There will be much more information presented at the 2025 Annual CNA Instructors Conference as we will be much farther along in the development process.

4. You need to be at the location specified on your master schedules on the day and time you stated. We are having too many attempted visits where no one is in class on a day when we were told you would be in class. I have tried to make it easier by just requiring an email



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notification if something comes up at the last minute. I can begin requiring full schedule revisions if this continues. ***Programs that do not notify IDPH of unscheduled changes in the schedule will be cited for violation of Section 395.170 c) and will be placed on a Corrective Action Plan. Subsequent violations will result in program revocation.***

5. Students must be 16 years old to begin a CNA course per Title 77 Section 300.660 d) 1). On a case-by-case basis, IDPH has allowed students to begin a course at 15 if they turn 16 shortly after a course begins. This is rare that this is allowed. Several programs have admitted that they are allowing students to enter the program at 15 if they are either 16 by the time clinicals start or by the time they are certified. This is NOT allowed.

As always, do not hesitate to call or email with questions.

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