



Pennsylvania Alliance of Retirement Community Residents

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In a January update it was mentioned that a TNA waiver bill had been re-introduced in U.S. House of Representatives and LeadingAge PA would be putting out an alert once the bill is assigned a number. I have not heard any update about that bill, so I have included a notice of what CMS is still reporting.

CMS TNA reminder

As a reminder, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) waiver extending the deadline for temporary nurse aides (TNA) to complete required clinical examinations is in effect until April 5. Upon expiration of the waiver, any TNA that has not successfully passed the required exams and registered on the Nurse Aide Registry will be ineligible for employment as a nurse aide in a nursing care facility. If you have questions about the temporary nurse aide program and this deadline, please contact Legislative Director [Austin Cawley](#).

HHS updates stakeholders on end of PHE

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) hosted a stakeholder call to share **information about the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE.)** The HHS Secretary sent a letter to all governors stating that there will be a renewal of the PHE, but this is intended to be the final renewal - which means the PHE will expire May 11. CMS also sent a [roadmap](#) to governors publicly listing out what has changed and what has not changed. CMS recognized that COVID-19 is not over for many people and remains committed to working with stakeholders.

I have attached a copy of the roadmap from HHS and highlighted parts that I thought might be of interest to you. Happy Reading!