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MEMORANDUM

ACS M05-09

[Supercedes ACS M05-09 dated 09/15/05]

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

This memorandum supercedes memorandum ACS M05-09 dated September 15, 2005. Changes to the M05-09 are bolded.

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, **2006**.

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, 2006, 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 required for all nurse aides employed in NFs that are certified by the Department of Health with the following exception:

The proficiency checklist is NOT required for nurse aides who have completed training in one of the following State Certified Nurse Aide Training Programs on or after the date of State Certification.

Name of Training Program	Date of State Certification
Life Care of Hilo	09/28/04
Maui Community College	01/04/05
Windward Community College	02/17/05
American Red Cross--Kona	03/07/05
Healthcare Training & Career Consultants, Inc., Maui Unit	05/28/05
Healthcare Training & Career Consultants, Inc., Maui Unit	06/24/05
Healthcare Training & Career Consultants, Inc., Maui Unit	07/09/05

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