Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of April 6, 2020

**Oklahoma Health Care Authority Webinar Tomorrow**

OHCA is hosting virtual Q&A sessions about COVID-19 response for SoonerCare providers on Apr 7, 2020 12:00 PM CST to give updates and answers. Click on this [link](https://okhca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Wuki96xWQPS7eoJd1QYKuw) to register and you will receive an email with information on how to join.

Providers are invited to respective OHCA webinars. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

* **April 7, 2020, 12:00 p.m. - Nursing Facilities**
Please register for the meeting [here](https://okhca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Wuki96xWQPS7eoJd1QYKuw).
* **April 8, 2020, 12:00 p.m. - Hospitals**Please register for the meeting [here](https://okhca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xAgNAidCSEK53a69AHBWIg)
* **April 9, 2020, 12:00 p.m. - Behavioral Health**
Please register for the meeting [here](https://okhca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7TlbK98HQW2OPt0togwskg)

**April 9, 2020, 1:00 p.m. - Physicians**
Please register for the meeting [here](https://okhca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nazAo3IPTQyr5By6iBIqQw)

* **April 10, 2020, 11:00 a.m. - I/T/U**
Please register for the meeting [here](https://okhca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QJtkke59RCWgsPsmOO_XZw)
* **April 10, 2020, 12:00 p.m. - FQHC/RHC**
Please register for the meeting [here](https://okhca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hs8NC7PDTRaHmyx0cXWRpQ)

**Governor Stitt approves emergency rule to provide hiring flexibilities for nurse aides**

Under [this rule](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Aded8e70c-495a-4f2b-90e7-2c80ebbb0885), you can hire and [train employees](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Ab8d0977a-d607-4d75-ad20-b8cf49281b4b) to be nurse aides or feeding assistants in the facility.

Trainees must be enrolled in [OK-SCREEN](https://www.ok.gov/health/Protective_Health/Health_Resources_Development_Service/Oklahoma_National_Background_Check_Program/)

Trainee must have [16 hours](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:bf19ef04-dafb-4358-aea7-104c7641a26f) of training prior to [skills check off](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:e03d0f94-4a51-4376-8cfa-1eeb26975c34)/hands on patient care.

(g) Facilities with presumptive approval shall provide curriculum and skills assessments for their applicable training program consistent with the curriculum and skill assessment requirements specified in this Chapter and the following:

(1) Document training progress in the applicant's training record

(2) Document in the training record the time spent in training in each of the required areas

(3) Document satisfactory completion of applicable skill elements on the Skills Performance Checklist or Medication Skills Checklist, provided by the Department

(4) When a skill element has been documented to have been demonstrated at satisfactory competency the trainee is authorized to perform the task

(5) An appropriate licensed health care professional documents and signs to acknowledge the training in competencies and demonstration of satisfactory performance for each skill.

AHCA has developed an 8 hour online training curriculum found [here](https://educate.ahcancal.org/products/temporary-nurse-aide). You can use this 8 hours and then supplement another 8 hours of training, making sure to document the amount of time spent on each area as required by the [16 hours of training](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:bf19ef04-dafb-4358-aea7-104c7641a26f). Once the 16 hours is completed, you can use the [skills check off list](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:e03d0f94-4a51-4376-8cfa-1eeb26975c34) to practice skills, once the trainee is found proficient in the skills checked off, they will be able to perform those skills.

**AHCA/NCAL COVID-19 Updates**

[COVID -19 Update #32](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/COVID-19%20%E2%80%93%20Update%2032.pdf) | Revised Resources on Cohorting and When COVID-19 Gets In

[COVID -19 Update #31](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/COVID-19%20%E2%80%93%20Update%2031.pdf) | CMS Issues New Recommendations to Nursing Homes, State & Local Governments

**Reminder: Care Providers Oklahoma Office Coverage**

Care Providers Oklahoma staff will continue to work remotely from home as warranted. We are all still here to assist you with whatever needs you may have so please do not hesitate to contact us as necessary.

**Please visit our NEW Care Providers Oklahoma COVID -19 Resource Page**

Care Providers Oklahoma is providing regular [COVID-19 updates](https://www.careoklahoma.com/covid-19-resource-page/) via our website including all the AHCA/NCAL COVID-19 Updates.