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LONG-TERM CARE WORKER CERTIFICATION

Dear Providers, Superintendents, and Administrators:

To allow Department of Health (DOH) licensed and certified caregivers and health professionals to focus on resident and client care and safety during the COVID-19 public health emergency, the DOH Secretary of Health extended health profession license and certification expiration dates for licenses due for renewal between April 1 and September 30, 2020. This includes licenses and certifications such as home care aides, nursing assistant certification, nursing licenses, and nursing home administrator licenses. This extension by the Department of Health (DOH) will expire on September 30, 2020.

This means that all health professionals whose licenses or certifications are expired, or will expire on September 30th, 2020 must:

- Renew their license/certification by September 30th, 2020 to avoid late fees and to keep licenses and certifications active. DOH must receive payments by 11:59 pm on September 30, 2020, using their [online licensing system](#). Mail-in renewal payments must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2020.

Due to [Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-10](#) which temporarily waives certain training requirements, all long-term care workers who are normally required to complete 12 hours of continuing education (CE) may attest in their renewal application that they are in compliance with their CE requirement as the requirement is currently waived.

All LTC workers should be encouraged to complete their continuing education requirements as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director
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