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## ANATP/BNATP Monthly Update October 2020

1. An instructor approval and application form has been created and is in the Forms section of [www.nurseaidetesting.com](http://www.nurseaidetesting.com). Please complete the form and send it with supporting documentation with the instructor approval request. This will give me all the information I need to create instructor codes without having to email repeatedly for missing information.
2. Secondary programs (high schools) are **not** required to obtain or submit an annual certificate of approval to IDPH. Only vocational programs approved by the IBHE are required to submit their annual certificate of approval.
3. This question was submitted to CMS (Medicare/Medicaid):

For Certified Nurse Aide students who need to complete on-site clinicals and the facility is requiring testing; How is the financial component of the testing handled?

Response: The federal government has provided \$4.9 billion to nursing homes to offset revenue losses and assist facilities with additional costs related to responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. An additional \$5 billion will be allocated from the Provider Relief Fund in the CARES Act for nursing homes participating in Medicare and Medicaid. This funding can be used to address critical needs in nursing homes **including costs associated with increased testing**.

Long-term care facilities must address questions about funds distribution from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS).

4. The Medicare Provider Number (beginning with "14") on master schedules is no longer required. You may put NA in this field until the master form is updated and it is removed. It is a mandatory field on the current schedule, so you will have to make an entry in the box in order for the schedule to save.



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5. All programs may continue to provide instruction in an online or hybrid format through May 31, 2021. Twenty hours of clinicals may be simulated and 20 hours must be face-to-face in a facility or the student must work as a nursing assistant for at least 20 hours to provide clinical hours. ***Vocational programs must have the permission of the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to continue in an online format beyond December 31, 2020.***
  
6. The first Advanced Nursing Assistant Training Program (ANATP) was recently approved.

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