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1. There is an online program from Relias (formerly Straightaway) that provides most of the content for a CNA program. Supplemental content is required for the program to be compliant. For example, it only contains eight hours of Alzheimer's training. The additional four hours required will have to be provided outside of this module. It is not to be used as a self-learning program. An instructor is required to teach the content. They do have an approved Illinois-licensed RN who can teach the program. **There are no self-learning programs approved in Illinois for CNAs. There are no plans to allow this in the future.**
2. Programs are still not 100% compliant entering the training dates into the HCWR. This is a subject for review during the unannounced monitoring visits.
3. Please do not send CPR Provider cards when applying for instructor codes. Only CPR Instructor cards are needed. Those without CPR Instructor credentials cannot teach CPR in the BNATP.
4. The boxes for program numbers on the instructor approval request will each hold a four-digit program number. The boxes are not for individual numbers. Programs with multiple program codes will run out of space if the boxes are not filled in correctly.
5. Please review the monitoring visit review video at <https://www.nurseaidetesting.com/monitoring-visits/> and also review the monitoring review evaluation form at <https://www.nurseaidetesting.com/monitoring-visit-evaluation-form/>.
6. There have been many requests to move back to simulated clinicals. Unless we enter a total lockdown situation again, which is unlikely, this will not be an option. Programs need to identify more than one clinical partner so that if a facility locks down due to COVID or becomes restricted by Medicare, you have additional options. Hospitals, nursing homes (SNFs or ICFs), and assisted/supportive living facilities are all options for clinical partners.
Programs need to create a binder with *only current information* for easier review. Only the currently active master schedule should be in the binder.

As always, do not hesitate to call or email with questions.

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