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TO: Certified Medication Aides
Assisted Living Facility Administrators
Comprehensive Personal Care Home Administrators
Dementia Care Home Administrators

FROM: Judith M. Persichilli, R.N., B.S.N., M.A.
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SUBJECT: Extension of Certified Medication Aides Certification

Due to the closure of PSI, the company contracted by the Department of Health (DOH) to process the recertification of certified medication aids (CMAs), as a result of the Coronavirus 2019 Disease ("COVID-19"), DOH is waiving the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:36-9.2(d) which requires recertification for CMAs on a two-year cycle. DOH is extending CMA certifications as follows:

1. All Certified Medication Aides with certifications expiring between March 1, 2020 and May 31, 2020 shall be extended for 90 days from the date of expiration. For example, a certification expiring March 1, 2020 will now expire May 31, 2020.
2. Certified Medication Aides with certifications expiring between March 1, 2020 and May 31, 2020 will be permitted to complete continuing education units (CEUs) required for recertification up to the new expiration date of their certification as set forth in paragraph 1, above.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Jean DeVitto, Executive Director, Certificate of Need and Healthcare Facility Licensure Program at jean.devitto@doh.nj.gov.

Handwritten signature of Judith M. Persichilli in blue ink.
