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August 10, 2004

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Employers/Interested Parties

FROM: Department of Commerce and Consumer Affair Nurse Aide Program

SUBJECT: Implementation of Recertification Requirements in Accordance with Federal Law (42 USC §1396r)

Effective immediately, a nurse aide who is issued an initial certification or who applies for recertification will be given a memorandum. The memorandum will serve as a notice that the nurse aide must perform at least one day of nursing or nursing-related work in a Department of Health <u>certified</u> nursing facility for monetary compensation within twenty-four months from the date of initial certification or last re-certification to be recertified.

For an update of the listing of <u>certified</u> facilities that fall under this definition, please logon to <u>http://www.state.hi.us/health/resource/ohca/medicare/index.html</u> or call (808) 692-7420.

Employers who do not fall under this definition will not qualify to verify employment. No exceptions to this policy will be made.