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SUBJECT: Students Health Care Practitioners and Clinical Hours in Facilities

The April 20, 2020 Blast Fax 2020-40 clarified that the current nursing home visitor restrictions do not apply to nursing students.

The Department has received requests for further clarification related to students in other health care professional training programs such as nurse aides or respiratory care practitioners.

The Department did not intend for the visitor restrictions to apply to individuals who provide clinical care or related support in the nursing home or other facility. Students enrolled in health care-related education programs are often required to participate in clinical training in settings such as nursing homes. As part of this training, these students provide clinical care and support to residents in nursing homes

Please be assured that individuals enrolled in health care related programs are not prohibited from completing clinical hours in nursing homes or other facilities during the pandemic.

We hope that this information is helpful. Thank you for the work you do, especially during this very challenging time.



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