

Aloha CMA and CCFFH Operators,

Wednesdays newsletter contained an error. *It referred to a Public Health Institute (PHI)*. The correct organization is Health & Safety Institute also known as American Safety & Health Institute.

We apologize for any confusion. The correct organization is now included.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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CTA, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health, Office of Health Care Assurance, have become aware that some CPR and First Aid Training certificates may not be valid.

At the present time, CPR and First Aid can be obtained from the American Red Cross, American Heart Association and Health & Safety Institute. Blended online courses are acceptable as long as there is a return skills demonstration portion (in person portion). Should a CTA nurse surveyor have any questions regarding the validity of certificates, a verification process will occur.

Caregivers are encouraged to use the following websites immediately to verify the validity of their certificates. If the certificates do not show up in the system, then they are invalid. Caregivers will need to take another CPR and First Aid Training course as soon as possible in order to be considered currently trained and certified to meet Hawaii Administrative Rule requirements.

For American Red Cross certificates use this link: <u>https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/digital-certificate</u>

For American Heart Association certificates use this link: <u>https://ecards.heart.org/student/myecards</u>.

At present time, the Health & Safety Institute (HSI) does not have a website to verify certificates. Any question regarding these certificates will be emailed by the CTA nurse surveyor to HSI for verification.

If certificates are discovered to be invalid during an inspection, there will be a deficiency noted that the person is not currently trained (certified). That person will need to take a valid course as part of the Plan of Correction (POC) and a reasonable time-frame will be given to complete the course.

Anyone interested in becoming a certified instructor for any of these agencies please contact them directly for information.



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