

**1220680-B<sup>1</sup> NURSE AIDE TRAINING AND COMPETENCY EVALUATION PROGRAM**

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**I. PURPOSE**

This Policy applies to AHCCCS registered Nursing Facilities (NFs) and outlines Federal standards for Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program as approved by the Arizona State Board of Nursing.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

**NURSING FACILITY (NF)**

A health care facility that is licensed and Medicare/Medicaid certified by ADHS in accordance with 42 CFR 483 to provide inpatient room, board and nursing services to members who require these services on a continuous basis but who do not require hospital care or direct daily care from a physician.

**III. POLICY**

**A. REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSE AIDE TRAINING AND COMPETENCY EVALUATION PROGRAM**

1. AHCCCS registered NFs shall<sup>4</sup> comply with Federal standards to assure that nurse aides employed by the facility have completed necessary training and competency evaluation programs approved by the Arizona State Board of Nursing (ASBN). Nurse aides shall also be included in the ASBN nurse aide registry.
2. The ASBN is responsible for compliance with Federal standards in administering the nurse aide competency evaluation, approval of nurse aide training programs and establishing a nurse aide registry. The Arizona Department of Health Services is responsible for investigating complaints alleging abuse and/or neglect by nurse aides.

<sup>1</sup> Policy revised to be placed in Chapter 600

<sup>2</sup> Date policy became effective

<sup>3</sup> Date policy is presented at APC

<sup>4</sup> Replacing 'must' with 'shall' throughout policy for consistency