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To: Interested Parties

From: Catherine Cobb, Director
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SUBJECT: 1. **Adopted CNA Registry rules:** 10-144 CMR Chapter 128, *Rules Governing the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants (repealed and replaced)*.
Effective date: August 1, 2009

2. **NEW! SEARCH ONLINE FOR CNA VERIFICATION!**
<https://gateway.maine.gov/cnaregistry/>

On August 1, 2009 the adopted rules replace the current CNA Registry rules. The Maine Legislature has made a number of changes to the laws governing the CNA Registry since the CNA Registry rules were last amended in 2000. The attached Notice of Agency Rule-making identifies changes made to the rules. I have highlighted a few of the changes here:

- CNAs will renew their listing on the Registry every 2 years on their birthday. (Section 2.2.3.2). The Registry will phase in the renewal process. You will be notified before this renewal process begins.
- Some annotations of substantiated complaints and convictions are 'disqualifying' annotations. CNAs with a disqualifying annotation may not work as a CNA, or as an unlicensed assistive person, for nursing facilities, hospitals, home health agencies, assisted housing programs, adult day services programs, personnel care agencies and placement agencies, or temporary nurse agencies either for 10 years or permanently. (Section 2.5)
- Not all annotations prohibit employment as a CNA but the Registry gives information on all annotations to prospective employers who then make their own hiring decisions. (Section 4.2.7.1).

The adopted rules are available on the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services' website at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/dlrs/rulemaking/adopted/home.html> Call (207) 287-5005 to have a paper copy of the rules mailed to you.

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Verify a CNAs listing on the Registry online 24/7. Just click on the link above, enter the last 4 digits of the social security number. the first and last name. That's it!