



On June 5, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced that effective July 1, 2024, the Nursing Home Administrator Program (NHAP) will no longer approve continuing education providers or courses for approved providers. Any currently approved courses will continue to be accepted until their expiration date. At this time, the Quality Care Health Foundation (QCHF) has halted the acceptance of any new NHAP continuing education applications. Already approved continuing education courses will remain available for chapter use.

NHAP has referred (QCHF) to the National Continuing Education Review Service (NCERS), and QCHF will apply to become an approved continuing education provider. The NCERS database is managed by the National Association of Long-term Care Boards (NAB).

QCHF will transition to a NCERS continuing education provider over the next quarter. Information will be released as it becomes available.

The NHAP states there are several benefits and advantages to this change:

- System is free to use for NHAs.
- Majority of NHAs in California are already in the system according to NAB.
- NAB holds education providers accountable by requiring the education providers to upload certificates automatically to the NAB's CEU registry.
- The system allows NHAP to view the certificates without the licensee printing and mailing them in with their renewal applications. This will make the renewals easier on the licensee as they do not need to attach their certificate.
- This practice will free up CDPH analyst's time to focus on other workload priorities in the unit.
- This practice will simplify the documents NHAs submit and therefore increase NHAP efficiency.