

Certified Medication Aide FAQs

Advantages to utilizing CMAs:	Disadvantages:
<p>May fulfill medication pass duties when a nurse is not available to cover that medication cart shift</p> <p>Resident confidence in care is established with the CMA related to his/her performance of direct care duties as a C.N.A.</p>	<p>Removes a C.N.A. from staff available for assignments</p> <p>CMAs cannot perform treatments, so a nurse on duty must complete all the treatments assigned to that cart/shift</p> <p>A nurse must complete assessments or other make clinical judgements/ interventions and document in progress notes</p>

QMAPs are not approved for working in Long-term Care or Skilled Nursing Facilities in Colorado.

Here is the Code of Regulations for CMAs.

https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?fileName=3+CCR+716-1&ruleVersionId=9556&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING MEDICATION AIDE AUTHORITY

1. For initial certification as a CNA-Med, the individual must:
 - a. Possess an active, Unencumbered Colorado nurse aide certification.
 - b. Possess a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma.
 - c. Be no less than eighteen years of age.
 - d. Complete no less than 1,000 hours of documented work as a CNA within the last twenty-four months or the equivalence for individuals from the United States military.
 - e. Possess a recommendation to become a medication aide from the CNA's current supervising nurse, director of nursing, or nursing home administrator.
 - f. Complete an Approved Medication Aide Training Program with a final grade of not less than "C" or demonstrate substantially equivalent training that meets the curriculum requirements in Rule 1.12 for Approval of Medication Aide Training Programs documented on an official transcript for individuals in the United States Military as provided for in section 12-20-202(4), C.R.S.
 - g. Submit the completed Medication Aide Authority application within one year of completion of the Medication Aide Training Program or its United States military equivalent as required by the Board and pay the applicable fee.
 - h. Pass the written Competency Evaluation in three or fewer attempts within one year of the completion receipt of the Medication Aide Training application.

If you are seeking a CMA program, they are limited to the 8 DORA approved programs in the State. I have contacted each and verified the following are actively conducting programs.

Endura Healthcare Medication Aide Program

3401 S Lafayette St Englewood, CO 80113

(720)382-2194

Apollonia Williams, RN apwilliams@ensignservices.net

C.N.A. class to be held in August – open to the public

Next CMA class projected in October – attempting to hire a 2nd instructor

Larchwood Care Center

2718 Patterson Rd. Grand Junction, CO 81506

(970)254-7614

Corrie

Pine Ridge Extended Care Center

119 Bastille Dr. Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

(719)680-7111

Peggy Hamlin

fully remote class. It starts 8/26/21 and runs on Thursdays for 6 weeks, 9am-2pm.

***C.N.A. class via remote beginning 8/9/21, Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, 9a-2p. The skills validation for those participants would take place in southern CO facilities (Mancos, CO) but there may be some way to conduct them closer to the participants' locations.

Valley Inn Medication Aide Training

211 3rd Alley Mancos, CO 81328

(970)533-9031

Cassidy Milligan

CMA classes conducted as needed

Regular C.N.A. training program ongoing

If you are hoping to launch a CMA training program/site, there is an application process, including site and equipment specifications, and a requirement for an RN Instructor/Program Manager. Here is the link to the application,

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzKoVwvexVATdGI0S2RVczI5VEE/view?resourcekey=0-L3nV4pm849b9IWGvB5umnQ>

I have attached a zip file with an existing approved program's full information ready for your use. The author has provided this to our members.