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Respiratory Care Services Training During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, ForwardHealth is temporarily altering certain policy requirements in order to prevent further spread of the disease and effectively treat existing cases. **The requirement change for renewing training for respiratory care services in this Alert is issued pursuant to Wis. Stat. ch. 49 and is in effect until further notice. ForwardHealth will publish additional guidance about the topics addressed in this Alert when the temporary policies related to COVID-19 expire.**

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The Wisconsin Department of Health Services acknowledges that with the public health emergency, training for respiratory care services may not be available. As a result, ForwardHealth will temporarily waive the requirement for renewing this training until classes are once again offered. This waiver does not apply to individuals who are pursuing respiratory care services certification and have not yet completed the coursework.