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 changes for renewing training for CPR and respiratory care services in this Alert are issued pursuant to Wis. Stat. ch. 49 and are 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.

**New CPR and Respiratory Care Services Training Requirements During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services acknowledges that with the public health emergency, training for CPR and respiratory care services may not be widely available, or providers may be unable to attend in-person classes.
New CPR Training Requirements
During the COVID-19 public health emergency, ForwardHealth will temporarily accept completion of online-only CPR training to fulfill the CPR training renewal requirement. Providers may submit their renewal documentation through the demographic maintenance tool on the secure ForwardHealth Portal. Due to the availability of the online-only training option, effective March 1, 2021, ForwardHealth will no longer temporarily waive the requirement to renew CPR certification due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

New Respiratory Care Services Training Requirements
During the COVID-19 public health emergency, ForwardHealth is temporarily waiving the requirement to renew respiratory care services training. In order to request a temporary waiver, providers are required to submit a letter to ForwardHealth detailing their inability to attend respiratory care services training due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Providers may submit this letter through the demographic maintenance tool on the secure ForwardHealth Portal or by fax to ForwardHealth Provider Enrollment at 608-221-0885. Once this letter is received, ForwardHealth will temporarily extend the provider’s respiratory care services certification until April 1, 2021.

Note: This waiver does not apply to individuals who are pursuing initial respiratory care services certification and have not yet completed the coursework.