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**TO:** Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)  
Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill (SB) 862 - Training on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

**AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code (HSC) sections 1337.3

**All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary**

This AFL notifies SNFs and ICFs of the passage of SB 862 (Chapter 243, Statutes of 2025). Section 4 clarifies the training requirements for certified nurse assistants (CNAs) about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Beginning January 1, 2026, SB 862 updates requirements for CNA training by local agencies and education institutions to match requirements for SNFs and ICFs regarding training for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. All CNA training programs, whether conducted by SNFs, ICFs, local agencies, or education programs, must ensure the following:

- At least two hours of the 60 hours of classroom training shall address the special needs of persons with developmental and mental disorders, including intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, dementia, Parkinson's disease, and mental illness. At least two hours of the 60 hours of classroom training shall address the special needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.
- At least four hours of the 100 hours of supervised clinical training shall address the special needs of persons with developmental and mental disorders, including intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and Parkinson's disease.

Facilities are responsible for following all applicable laws. CDPH's failure to expressly notify facilities of statutory or regulatory requirements does not relieve facilities of their responsibility for following all laws and regulations. Facilities should refer to the full text of all applicable sections of the Health and Safety Code and Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

If you have any questions about this AFL, please contact the Training Program Review Unit (TPRU) at [TPRU@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:TPRU@cdph.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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