

### **Can supportive services pay for CNA and CMA classes?**

Yes, under certain individual circumstances, tuition for schooling (Vocational Training, Job Skills Training Directly Related to Employment, or Post-Secondary Education) can be paid with EF funds with Central Office approval.

CNA/CMA classes do not qualify for financial aid, but due to the demand for CNAs, especially if they also have a CMA certificate, some nursing homes and medical facilities that hire CNA's will pay for the cost of this training. Some of these businesses will hire the person first and then they either work part time with pay while they go through the cost covered training and then go full time; or go through the training first before they are put to work. Often, the employer will then require the person to commit to working for them for a certain length of time.

If this is not the case and the training is provided by a community college, private college or proprietary school, then a request to the EF unit in Central Office to authorize EF funds to pay for the cost of the CNA and CMA courses is required.

Please refer to the EF Policy Log entry of Requirements for Approval of Tuition, Books and Fees ---->  under Supportive Services for the template/guidelines for submitting such a request.

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