

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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To Christian Moran:

Please review this preliminary draft. Please pay special attention to the embedded notes in the draft. I have drafted this dementia specialist certification program using the nurse aide certification as a model.

Do you want DHS to certify a dementia specialist or do you want DHS to create a registry of dementia specialists who have completed the evaluation program? Do you want DHS to both certify dementia specialists and maintain a registry? As written, this draft requires DHS to certify a dementia specialist but does not require DHS to maintain a registry.

The drafting request referred to the Alzheimer's Association or the technical colleges as entities that could perform the training. I did not include this in the draft because I am unsure what this instruction means. Do you want only the Alzheimer's Association and the technical colleges to be able to perform training? In that instance, a four-year college program would be prohibited from approval by DHS. Alternatively, do you want to allow DHS to approve programs offered by the Alzheimer's Association and the technical colleges. The draft, as written, would allow DHS to approve any program that meets its criteria regardless of who offers the program. Please let me know how you would like to handle this.

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