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Social Security Administration Office of Income Security Programs **Keys Section** 

OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

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## To Whom it May Concern:

The Department of Community Health ("DCH" or "Department") has been designated as the state agency responsible for overseeing compliance with Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act (the Keys Amendment). Please accept this correspondence as certification that the Department has established, maintains, and ensures the enforcement of standards for categories of institutions in which significant numbers of Supplementary Security Income ("SSI") recipients reside or are likely to reside.

The Healthcare Facility Regulation Division ("HFRD") within DCH is responsible for the licensure and oversight of personal care homes and assisted living communities in Georgia. Personal care homes are governed by the "Rules and Regulations for Personal Care Homes," Chapter 11-8-62. Assisted living communities are governed by the "Rules and Regulations for Assisted Living" Communities," Chapter 111-8-63. In addition, enforcement rules are governed by "General Licensing and Enforcement Requirements," Chapter 111-8-25.

HFRD provides information related to waivers for survey reports upon request. Additionally, the Georgia Secretary of State maintains a searchable listing of rule waivers at https://services.georgia.gov/sos/sos-rw/. The rules and regulations and survey reports are available online to the public at the DCH website https://forms.dch.georgia.gov/HFRD/.

As required, HFRD will report to the Regional Office the name and address of any facility that no longer meets the State standards and when a deficient facility again meets the standards. Information regarding specific residents in the facility is not maintained by HFRD. Should you need any additional information, please contact me at (404) 657-5856.

Sincerely,

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**Executive Director** 

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Healthcare Facility Regulatory Division Georgia Department of Community Health