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Scott Logan
Social Security Administration
Office of Income Security Programs
Keys Section
2518 Robert M. Ball Building
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

Dear Mr. Logan:

This letter is in regard to Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act, known as the Keys Amendment, to certify that the state of New Jersey is in compliance with the establishment and enforcement of standards designed to ensure the safety and well-being of recipients of Supplemental Security Income living in congregate care facilities.

New Jersey is in compliance with the requirement that it publish annually a summary of standards. Enclosed is a copy of the text that has been posted on the Department of Human Services' website at:

[Department of Human Services | Public Notices](#)

If you should have any questions, please contact Deborah Robinson, Director, Office of Program Integrity and Accountability, at (609) 292-1617. Ms. Robinson will maintain responsibility for responses and inquiries for New Jersey in this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Sarah Adelman".

Sarah Adelman, Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER Keys Amendment Certification

Take notice that the Keys Amendment, Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act requires an annual certification by States that there are standards for facilities where significant numbers of Social Security Income (SSI) recipients reside. The publication of a summary of standards also is required.

Four New Jersey State Departments have licensing and enforcement authority for facilities housing significant numbers of SSI residents in New Jersey. Each Department maintains standards for the facilities in which SSI recipients reside. The Governor has designated the Department of Human Services to submit this certification.

The **Department of Human Services**' (DHS) Office of Licensing has licensing and enforcement authority for facilities housing persons with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injury. The DHS Office of Licensing maintains the unit responsible for the standards of group homes, community care residences, and supervised apartments for persons with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injury. Full text of the standards can be found in N.J.A.C. 10:44A, 10:44B, and 10:44C, or by contacting the following office:

New Jersey Department of Human Services
Office of Licensing
PO Box 707
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0707

The **Department of Children and Families** (DCF) The Department of Children and Families (DCF) Office of Licensing has licensing and enforcement authority for facilities housing children, including facilities for children in out-of-home placement. The DCF Office of Licensing has two operational offices, as described below - Youth Residential Licensing and Resource Family Licensing.

The **Department of Health's** Office of Certificate of Need and Healthcare Facility Licensure unit licenses residential health care facilities that are attached to other long-term care facilities and enforces standards through inspections. Full text of the standards can be found in N.J.A.C. 8:43 (Subchapter 17, Social Isolation Prevention,), or by contacting:

New Jersey Department of Health
Office of Certificate of Need and Healthcare Facility Licensure
PO Box 358
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0358

In October of 2017, the mental health and addiction residential facilities that were formerly licensed by the Department of Human Services were transferred to the Department of Health. The Mental Health and Addiction Services Licensing unit maintains standards for group homes, family care homes, apartments, supportive housing residences, and supportive housing programs for adults with mental illness or in need of addiction services. Full texts of the standards can be found in N.J.A.C. 10:37, 10:37A (readopted, with technical changes, 4/23/24, 8:111 (Chapter 161A, Standards for Licensure of Residential Substance Use Disorders Treatment Facilities, was recodified as N.J.A.C. 8:111), and 10:37D (readopted 9/23/24), or by contacting the following office:

New Jersey Department of Health
Office of Licensing - Mental Health and Addiction Services
Certificate of Need and Licensure
P.O. Box 358
Trenton, NJ 08625-0358

Date: 12/30/2025

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