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Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.
STATE HEALTH OFFICER

November 20, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Logan:

This letter is to certify that programs operated by the Alabama Department of Public Health follow the provisions of 45 CFR Part 1397 – Standard Setting Requirements for Medical and Non-Medical Facilities where Supplemental Security Income Recipients Reside.

Enclosed are letters from the Alabama Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Alabama Department of Youth Services, and the Alabama Department of Human Resources certifying that programs operated by those agencies also comply with the Keys Amendment. Revised standards that have been implemented by each standard-setting authority since our last submission are also enclosed. To our knowledge, there are no other state agencies in Alabama with responsibility for regulating medical or non-medical facilities where Supplemental Security Income recipients reside.

Should you have any additional questions or require more information, please feel free to contact the Bureau of Health Provider Standards Unit at (334) 206-5175.

Sincerely,

Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.
State Health Officer

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Commissioner

November 6, 2023

Jacqueline D. Milledge, Acting Director
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RE: Keys Amendment Certification

Dear Ms. Milledge,

In accordance with the Social Security Act (the Keys Amendment), the Department of Human Resources inspects and approves foster care resources for children in foster family homes and residential settings and is in full compliance with said Act. Standards for these homes and residential facilities are contained in the *Minimum Standards for Residential Child Care Facilities*, *Minimum Standards for Child-Placing Agencies*, and the *Minimum Standards for Foster Family Homes*. There have not been any changes to the *Minimum Standards for Residential Child Care Facilities* or the *Minimum Standards for Child-Placing Agencies* since 2023. There have not been any changes to the *Minimum Standards for Foster Family Homes* since the revision in 2021.

Sincerely,

Nancy T. Buckner
Commissioner

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November 3, 2023

Jacqueline D. Milledge, MBA, BSN, CPM
Bureau of Health Provider Standards
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Dear Ms. Milledge:

Please accept this letter as certification that the Alabama Department of Youth Services is in compliance with the Keys Amendment regulation.

Please let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely,

Steven P. Lafreniere
Executive Director

“Compliance Checked”

T. Dudley Perry Jr.
General Counsel
Alabama Department of Youth Services

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SUMMARY OF STANDARDS FOR DYS FACILITIES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME RECIPIENTS

The Keys Amendment, Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act (42 USCA § 1382e), requires each state to publish summaries of standards for institutions, foster homes, or group living arrangements in which (as determined by the State) a significant number of recipients of supplemental security income benefits resides or is likely to reside. Such standards shall govern admission policies, safety, sanitation, and protection of civil rights.

Standards for all facilities and institutions licensed by DYS are published in the Alabama Administrative Code, available online at: <http://www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us/docs/ys/index.html>. In addition, the DYS Operations Manual includes standards for DYS institutions and contract facilities covering civil rights, sanitation, admissions, safety, and other needs of individuals, and can be obtained by contacting DYS Legal Division, P.O. Box 66, Mt. Meigs, AL 36059.



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Kimberly G. Boswell
Commissioner

October 18, 2023

Jacqueline D. Milledge, Director
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Alabama Department of Public Health
Post Office Box 303017
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Dear Ms. Milledge:

This letter certifies that the Alabama Department of Mental Health is in compliance with the provisions of Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act respecting the requirements for facilities in which Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients reside.

Should you have any questions concerning the foregoing, please contact the Office of Certification Administration at (334) 353-9085.

Sincerely,

Kimberly G. Boswell
Commissioner

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Cc: Ada Katherine van Wyhe, Chief of Staff

