

Assistant Director Johnathan Jones Division of Provider Services & Quality Assurance

Keys Amendment, Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act

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Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann.§ 20-10-203, the Division of Provider Services & Quality Assurance is the designated agency for identifying, licensing, inspecting, and insuring the enforcement of standards of all long-term care facilities in Arkansas, which are subject to licensure as provided in the respective licensure manuals for their facility type. It as been determined a significant number of recipients of supplemental security income benefits is residing or is likely to reside in such facilities.

Our Division consistently makes available for public review a <u>copy of the standards</u>, which include the procedures to insure the enforcement of such standards. A <u>list of any waivers</u> of such standards and <u>any violations of such standards</u> which have come to our attention can be found on the DHS website. These standards govern the needs of recipients and the character of the facilities involved, and govern such matters as admission policies, safety, sanitation, and protection of civil rights. For FY21, our Division is in full compliance with our responsibilities.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (501) 320-6599 or johnathan.jones@dhs.arkansas.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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