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Social Security Administration
Office of Income Security Programs; Keys Section
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6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

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

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 20-10-203, the Department of Human Services, Division of Provider Services & Quality Assurance (DPSQA) is the designated agency for identifying, licensing, regulating, and ensuring the enforcement standards of long-term care facilities in Arkansas comply with the appropriate standards. These long-term care facilities are subject to licensure as provided in the respective rules for their facility type.

A significant number of recipients of supplemental security income benefits currently reside in long-term care facilities. Our Division consistently makes available a copy of the rules and standards for public review on the website (<https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/u/rules>), which include the procedures to ensure the enforcement of these standards. A list of any waivers and violations of such standards can also 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. Our division is in full compliance with our responsibilities.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (501) 320-6555 or Sarah.Schmidt@dhs.arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,

Sarah Schmidt
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