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SUBJECT: KEYS AMENDMENT SECTION 1616(e) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT – CERTIFICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

Dear Mr. Logan:

This is to certify that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD), meets the requirements of the Keys Amendment (Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act). The California Department of Developmental Services (CDDS) is also submitting the enclosed letter to certify their compliance with the Keys Amendment.

CDSS establishes, maintains, and enforces licensing standards for residential facilities. These standards govern such matters as admission policies, safety, sanitation, and the protection of residents' rights. CDSS oversees the following facility types where a significant number of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients reside or are likely to reside: Adult Residential Facilities: Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs: Certified Family Homes: Community Crisis Homes; Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes: Foster Family Homes: Group Homes; Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill; Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly; Resource Family Approved Homes; Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program; Small Family Homes; Social Rehabilitation Facilities; Temporary Shelter Care Facility; and Transitional Housing Placement Programs.

As required by subdivision (e)(2) and (3) of Section 1616 of the Social Security Act (the Keys Amendment), CDSS certifies the standards established pursuant to subdivision (e)(1) of Section 1616 of the Social Security Act (the Keys Amendment) as well as licensing, enforcement, waiver, and deficiency procedures are made available to the public and any interested person for review.

You specified that you would like any new or revised standards and enforcement procedures that have been implemented since our last submission to you in 2020.

Enclosed is one new regulation package that CDSS has filed since our last submission:

- Community Crisis Homes. Emergency regulations were adopted allowing Community Crisis Homes to be licensed as Group Homes in order to provide 24-hour nonmedical care to children with developmental disabilities receiving regional center services and in need of crisis intervention services (ORD 0920-07, effective March 1, 2021).

Also enclosed are two Interim Licensing Standards (ILS) packages issued by CDSS in 2021:

- Foster Family Agency (FFA) ILS. A new version (Version 5) of the FFA ILS was published that included changes based on new laws as well as feedback received from FFAs and counties regarding the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process, effective January 15, 2021.
- Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) ILS. A new version (Version 4) of the STRTP ILS was published that included amendments necessary to comply with the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) of 2018 (Public Law 115-123), as implemented in California through Assembly Bill 153 (Chapter 86, Statutes of 2021), effective November 2, 2021.

The above referenced standards and enforcement procedures can be accessed by using the hyperlinks below:

- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 6: Scroll down to licensing category referenced above: [Residential Regulations: California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 6](#)
- Office of Regulations Development:
 - Emergency regulations, including a list of proposed regulations being processed by the Office of Regulations Development: [CDSS Emergency Regulations](#)
- Interim Licensing Standards: [Children's Residential Program Laws and Regulations](#)

If you have questions regarding our submission, I can be reached at (916) 657-2598 or you may contact Kevin Gaines, Deputy Director of CCLD at (916) 657-2346.

In partnership,



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Enclosures