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SUBJECT: KEYS AMENDMENT SECTION 1616(e) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT –
CERTIFICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Dear Scott 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 (DDS) is also submitting the enclosed letter to certify their compliance with the Keys Amendment.

The 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. The CDSS oversees the following facility types where a significant number of residents receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) reside or are likely to reside: Adult Residential Facilities; Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs; Community Crisis Homes; Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes; Group Homes; Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill; Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly; Resource Family Approved Homes; Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs; Small Family Homes; Social Rehabilitation Facilities; Temporary Shelter Care Facilities; 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 to receive any new or revised standards and enforcement procedures that have been implemented since our last submission in 2023. Enclosed are two regulations that CDSS has filed since our last submission:

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- **Group Homes for Children with Special Health Care Needs (GHCSHNs)**
Effective January 11, 2024, these regulations were permanently adopted and implemented Assembly Bill (AB) 136 (2021) and established a new community care facility category: Group Homes for Children with Special Healthcare Needs (GHCSHN), a subcategory of Group Homes. GHCSHNs are licensed by CDSS and certified by CDDS. These regulations amended requirements in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22, Chapter 1 (General Licensing Requirements) and Chapter 5 (Group Homes).
- **Personal Rights in Foster Care**
Effective July 1, 2024, these regulations implemented Assembly Bill (AB) 175 (2019). These regulations updated the personal rights of youth in care, including updates to the sexual and reproductive health rights and the reasonable and prudent parent standard. There were also updates to replace gender-specific language with gender-neutral language. These regulations amended requirements in CCR, Title 22, Chapter 1 (General Licensing Requirements); Chapter 4 (Small Family Homes); Chapter 5 (Group Homes); and Chapter 7 (Transitional Housing Placement Programs).

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

- CCR Title 22, Division 6: Scroll down to the licensing category referenced above:
[Residential Regulations: California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 6](#)
- Office of Regulations Development
 - [Standard Regulations](#), which lists standard non-emergency regulations processed by ORD; and
 - [2024 Completed Regulations](#), which lists regulations that have completed processing by ORD.

If you have questions regarding our submission, please contact Kevin Gaines, Deputy Director of CCLD, at (916) 657-2346.

In partnership,



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Enclosures