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Via email to Keys.Cert@ssa.gov

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Subject: Certification of Keys Amendment Compliance for the State of Colorado

Dear Mr. Logan,

This letter serves as annual certification of the State of Colorado's compliance with the Keys Amendment and the regulation enacted pursuant thereto. Specifically, the State of Colorado has designated one or more State authorities to establish and enforce standards for residential care facilities in which a significant number of SSI and/or SSDI recipients may reside. As required by the Amendment, the State of Colorado makes statutes, regulations, inspection reports, enforcement actions, etc., available to the public and other interested individuals.

Pursuant to Section 25-1.5-103, *et seq.*, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has the authority for the development, administration, and enforcement of standards for the licensure of assisted living residences, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, community mental health centers, convalescent centers, dialysis treatment clinics, home care agencies, hospice facilities, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, nursing homes, and other community-based health care programs.

As required by Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act ("Keys Amendment"), the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division (HFEMSD) of CDPHE shall certify that all licensed facilities are currently in compliance with the Keys Amendment. I am pleased to report that HFEMSD has worked with representatives of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to ensure that all community programs operate in conformity with the Keys Amendment.

The Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division (HFEMSD) of CDPHE on behalf of HCPF, is also conducting statewide inspections to ensure that all settings provide integration and full access to community life resulting from the recent Home and Community Based Services Settings Rule. This work serves to validate that all recipients of SSI and SSDI payments reside in home-like settings and provide ongoing technical assistance to facilities and providers. This effort is the most comprehensive of its kind in Colorado and has continued to improve and ensure that SSA recipients are an integral part of their community.



Thank you for the opportunity to provide this feedback, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Shelley Sanderman, HFEMS Enforcement Services Manager at (720) 413-1979 or shelley.sanderman@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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