



**Nathan Deal, Governor**

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

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Community Health (DCH) has been designated as the state agency responsible for overseeing compliance with Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act, the Keys Amendment. This letter certifies that the Department has established, maintains, and ensures the enforcement of standards for categories of institutions in which significant numbers of Supplementary Security Income (SSI) recipients reside or are likely to reside.

The Healthcare Facility Regulation Division (HFRD) within DCH is responsible for identifying all personal care homes and assisted living communities in Georgia that are subject to licensure. Personal care homes are governed by the "Rules and Regulations for Personal Care Homes," Chapter 111-8-62. Assisted living communities are governed by the "Rules and Regulations for Assisted Living Communities," Chapter 111-8-63. The HFRD provides information related to waivers or survey reports upon request. The rules and regulations and survey reports are available online to the public at the DCH website, [www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov).

As required, HFRD will report to the Regional Office the name and address of any facility which no longer meets the State standards and when a deficient facility again meets the standards. Information regarding specific residents in the facility is not maintained by this Division. Should you need additional information, please contact me or Elaine Wright, Director of State Licensure Programs, at 404.657.5856.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melanie Simon".

Melanie Simon, Executive Director  
Healthcare Facility Regulation Division

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