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OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

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Social Security Administration
Office of Income Security Programs
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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 the licensure and oversight of personal care homes and assisted living communities in Georgia. 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; additionally, the Georgia Secretary of State maintains a searchable listing of rule waivers at <https://services.georgia.gov/sos/sos-rw/>. The rules and regulations and survey reports are available online to the public at the DCH website, 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 Elaine Wright, HFRD Deputy Director, at 404.657.5856.

Sincerely,

Melanie Simon, Executive Director
Healthcare Facility Regulation Division

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