



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

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Social Security Administration  
Office of Income Security Programs, Keys Section  
2518 Robert M. Ball Building  
6401 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

To Whom It May Concern:

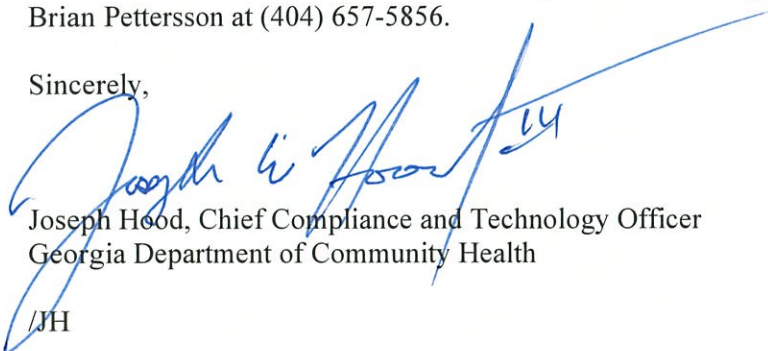
The *Department of Community Health* (“DCH” or “Department”) has been designated as the state agency responsible for overseeing compliance with Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act, the Keys Amendment. Please accept this correspondence as certification that the Department has established, maintains, 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.

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](http://www.dch.georgia.gov).

As required, HFRD will report to the Regional Office the name and address of any facility that 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 HFRD. Should you need additional information, please contact Brian Pettersson at (404) 657-5856.

Sincerely,



Joseph Hood, Chief Compliance and Technology Officer  
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