JOSH GREEN, M.D. GOVERNOR OF HAWAI'I KE KIA'ĀINA O KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAI'I



In reply, please refer to:

## STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH KA 'OIHANA OLAKINO

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October 7, 2024

Mr. Scott Logan
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Dear Mr. Logan:

## SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

Thank you for your letter dated September 30, 2024, to the Hawaii Director of Health. Dr. Kenneth S. Fink, Director of Health, has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Hawaii State Department of Health is deemed with the responsibility of ensuring the compliance with State standards for safe and appropriate residential settings as an alternative to institutional living for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients and publicizes the standards and enforcement procedures for these facilities. Additionally, interested individuals are provided with copies of standards, enforcement procedures, a list of waivers of standards, and any violations.

The Office of Health Care Assurance (OHCA) has the regulatory responsibility to license or certify residential health care settings. No relevant new regulations have been approved since the last submission of our Certificate of Compliance in February 2024. As a result, the State is in full compliance with Section 1616(e). The Department continues to provide the Regional Office with information on currently licensed facilities, as well as those facilities which have had enforcement action taken against them.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to the Office of Health Care Assurance, at (808) 692-7227, 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 337, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707.

Sincerely.

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Chief, Office of Health Care Assurance

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Kenneth S. Fink, MD, MGA, MPH Director of Health