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Baltimore, Maryland 21235
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter certifies that the State of Illinois is in full compliance with the requirements of Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act (the Keys Amendment) for fiscal year 2024.

Standards for the licensure of residential facilities in which a significant number of Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") recipients reside, or are likely to reside, have been established and are currently enforced, by authority vested in the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health ("IDPH") (through the Illinois Nursing Home Care Act, 210 ILCS 45/1-101 et seq.), in the Director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services ("DCFS") (through the Illinois Child Care Act of 1969, 225 ILCS 10/1 et seq.), and in the Director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services ("HFS") (through the Illinois Public Aid Code, 305 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.). These residential facilities, which provide room, board, and continuous protective oversight to residents, are identified as Skilled and Intermediate Care Nursing Facilities, Sheltered Care Facilities, Community Living Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, Shared Housing Establishments, Intermediate Care for the Developmentally Disabled Facilities, Medically Complex for the Developmentally Disabled Facilities, Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities, Veterans' Homes, Child Care Institutions, Group Homes, and Supportive Living Program sites.

The Illinois Compiled Statutes ("ILCS") provide the authority and requirements for licensure of the different types of residential facilities providing services to persons receiving SSI. The ILCS are available online at: <a href="https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp">https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp</a>. In addition, the Illinois Administrative Code ("IAC") is available online at: <a href="https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/titles.html">https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/titles.html</a>.

Information about full standards, enforcement procedures, and when applicable, waivers of standards and violations of standards by licensed Community Living Facilities, Sheltered Care Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, Child Care Institutions, Group Homes, and Supportive Living Program sites is available to the public online or upon written request:

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IAC Title 77: Parts 295, 300, 330, 340, 350, 370, 385, 390

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
60 E. Van Buren, Suite 1339
Chicago, Illinois 60605
(https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs)
IAC TITLE 89: Parts 383, 401, 403, 404

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62763
(www.illinois.gov/hfs)
IAC Title 89: Part 146

Copies of the codified rules of the IDPH, DCFS, and HFS are also available upon request. These rules are enforced by on-site annual inspections and by investigations of complaints and/or incidents filed with the appropriate State agency.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act, information pertaining to the maintenance of records and the availability of those records is made available to the public upon request through the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/et seq.).

IDPH, DCFS, and HFS report the names and addresses of any facility that no longer meets the standards along with the effective date of the violation to:

Regional Commissioner Social Security Administration 300 South Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606

We trust that this information adequately addresses the needs of the Social Security Administration. However, if you should need additional information, please feel free to contact Becky Dragoo, Deputy Director of the Office of Health Care Regulation, Illinois Department of Public Health, at 217.782.5180, TTY 800.547.0466, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services at 312.814.2074, TTY 312.814.8783, or Kelly Cunningham, Medicaid Administrator of the Division of Medical Programs, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, at 217.782.2570, TTY 800.5812.

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