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Social Security Administration
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Baltimore, Maryland 21235

Dear Scott Logan:

The Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS), Licensing Section and the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH), Health Standards Section are the regulating authorities in the State of Louisiana which establish, maintain, and ensure the enforcement of standards in licensed institutions and healthcare facilities relative to the Keys Amendment. These standards include all DCFS licensed facilities, as well as, LDH licensed healthcare facilities in which significant numbers of recipients who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are likely to reside.


Copies of the licensing regulations, enforcement procedures, waivers to regulations, and violations of regulations are available for public view.

Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act requires the following in pertinent part:

- 1) *Each State shall establish or designate one or more State or local authorities which shall establish, maintain, and insure the enforcement of standards for any category of institutions, foster homes, or group living arrangements in which (as determined by the State) a significant number of recipients of supplemental security income benefits is residing or is likely to reside. Such standards shall be appropriate to the needs of such recipients and the character of the facilities involved, and shall govern such matters as admission policies, safety, sanitation, and protection of civil rights.*
- 2) *Each State shall annually make available for public review a summary of the standards established pursuant to paragraph (1), and shall make available to any interested individual a copy of such standards, along with the procedures available in the State to insure the enforcement of such standards and a list of any waivers of such standards and any violations of such standards which have come to the attention of the authority responsible for their enforcement.*
- 3) *Each State shall certify annually to the Commissioner of Social Security that it is in compliance with the requirements of this subsection.*

In accordance with Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act, and excerpted above, this is to certify that the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services and the Louisiana Department of Health is in full compliance with the above referenced law.

Sincerely,


Angie Badeaux, LCSW
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Stephen R. Russo
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