



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Rafael López, Secretary

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

Dear Mr. Logan:

Thank you for your letter regarding the annual certification of compliance with Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act ("the Keys Amendment"). As the Governor's designee for this provision, I hereby certify that the State of Maryland is in full compliance with the Keys Amendment, Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1382e(e)). Specifically, the State has taken the following action to meet its responsibilities.

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and the Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) continue to be the authorities designated to establish, maintain and ensure enforcement of standards for the residential facilities in which a significant number of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients reside or are likely to reside. Maryland annually publishes summaries for standards of each type of facility and the names and addresses of each standard-setting authority from which individuals may request information about full standards, enforcement procedures, waivers and violations of standards.

Each standard-setting authority complies with the requirements of (42 U.S.C. § 1382e(e)) and has established standards and procedures for enforcing the standards. Also, each standard-setting authority has made provisions to maintain and have available, as appropriate, records of facilities.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Webster Ye, Chief of Staff, via email at web.ye@maryland.gov. The State of Maryland remains committed to ensuring that DHS customers are properly cared for and supervised in state licensed facilities.

In service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rafael López', written in a cursive style.

Rafael López
Secretary

cc: Meena Seshamani, MD, Ph.D, Secretary, Maryland Department of Health (MDH)
Webster Ye, Chief of Staff (DHS)
Dr. Alger Studstill Jr., Executive Director, Social Services Administration (DHS)
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