

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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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), the Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Maryland Department of Aging (MDA) 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 report any deficient facilities to the Social Security Administration and 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 <u>web.ye@maryland.gov</u>. The State of Maryland remains committed to ensuring that DHS clients are properly cared for and supervised in state licensed facilities.

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