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Dear Mr. Denos:

As the official designee of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am writing to certify compliance by the Commonwealth with Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act (the "Keys Amendment") for fiscal year 2019.

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) has been designated to implement the provisions of the Keys Amendment and has charged the following departments with enforcement of standards in compliance with the Keys Amendment: the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Developmental Services, and the Department of Public Health.

Please find enclosed amended regulations of the Department of Public Health (DPH). Certain Long term care facilities (LTCF) regulations were reviewed during the last fiscal year and, as a result, 105 CMR 151 was merged into 105 CMR 150 effective March 23, 2018. Additionally, significant changes were made to the regulations; however the amended regulations did not substantially change the enforcement standards. Otherwise the standards and procedures for the three Commonwealth agencies are unchanged from our last filings with your office. Should additional standards or procedures be revised, we will submit those to your office at that time.

Sincerely,

  
Marylou Sudders

Enclosures