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Dear Mr. Logan:

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 2023.

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.

Enclosed please find new regulations of the Department of Mental Health ("DMH"). In September 2022, DMH promulgated a set of regulations under 104 CMR 28.00, Subpart C establishing licensing requirements for a new level of community care, Community Crisis Stabilization. No other changes have been made to regulations establishing licensing and operational standards for community programs. Additionally, The Department of Public Health ("DPH") has updated 105 CMR 153 to permit the Department to freeze admissions at a long-term care facility if the Department finds that jeopardy exists at the facility. No other changes have been made to the applicable sections of the Long-term care facilities (LTCF) regulations (105 CMR 150; 105 CMR 153; and 105 CMR 155). All other enforcement standards have remained the same.

Should additional standards or procedures be revised, we will submit those to your office at that time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marylou Sudders".

Marylou Sudders

Enclosures