



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

October 25, 2023

Social Security Administration
Office of the Income Security Programs
Keys Section
2518 Robert M. Ball Building
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

Re: Annual Certification

Dear Sir/Madam:

I certify that the State of Mississippi is in compliance with the requirement of Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act (the Keys Amendment). Please see our following responses.

1. The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is designated by state statute as the Agency responsible for regulation of residential care facilities. The Bureau of Health Facilities Licensure and Certification is a Bureau within the MSDH.
2. Regulations governing the licensure of residential personal care homes remain readily available for public review on the Agency website at www.HealthyMS.gov.
3. Any interested party who wishes to receive a copy of the regulations and who does not have internet connectivity is furnished, free of charge, a complete copy of the regulations.
4. Please see the linked documents for the latest revision/complete copy of the [Minimum Standards of Operation for Personal Care Homes-Assisted Living](#), [Minimum Standards of Operation for Personal Care Homes-Residential Living](#) and the [Minimum Standards for Adult Foster Care Facilities](#).
5. The Agency certifies compliance with the Social Security Administration annually.

If you have any questions related to the information contained within this letter or if additional information is needed, please call me at 601-364-1101.

Sincerely,

Nicole Banes

Nicole Banes, Director
Office of Licensure
Mississippi State Department of Health

cc: Melissa Parker, Director of Health Protection
Frances Fair, Director of Health Facilities

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