



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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SECRETARY

November 30, 2020

Mr. Ken Brown
Social Security Administration
Office of Income Security Programs
Keys Section
2411 Robert M. Ball Building
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21235

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter certifies for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 that North Carolina is following the requirements of the Keys Amendment, Section 1616 (e) of the Social Security Act. As Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the requirements and responsibilities of the Keys Amendment fall under my authority. Therefore, I am providing this certification as the Governor's designee.

A summary of each standard for each kind of facility and a summary of the enforcement procedures are enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandy K. Cohen".

Mandy K. Cohen, MD, MPH
Secretary

Enclosure (1): *Keys Summary of Standards 2021*

cc. Joyce Massey-Smith, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services