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Dear Mr. Logan:

The Division of Statewide Planning, Rhode Island Department of Administration, is the designated state agency responsible for overseeing compliance with the provisions of Section 1616(e) (Keys Amendment) of the Social Security Act.

This letter certifies that the State of Rhode Island is in full compliance with those provisions for federal fiscal year 2025. Previously submitted Rules and Regulations for Licensure of Facilities where Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients reside or are likely to reside have been amended since 2024.

The following information is from the RI Secretary of State's website regarding the current RIDOH, Rhode Island Department of Health Rules and Regulations:

Rules and Regulations for Licensing Assisted Living Residences:

Licensing Assisted Living Residences (216-RICR-40-10-2)

216-RICR-40-10-2

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Title	216	Department of Health
Chapter	40	Professional Licensing and Facility Regulation
Subchapter	10	Facilities Regulation
Part	2	Licensing Assisted Living Residences (216-RICR-40-10-2)

Type of Filing	Amendment
Regulation Status	Active
Effective	03/18/2024

Regulation Authority:

Rhode Island General Laws § 23-17.4.

Purpose and Reason:

The Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") is proposing to amend the aforementioned regulations, 216-RICR-40-10-2, primarily to include the provisions of Public Law 23-353 related to an informal dispute resolution process in assisted living residences (ALRs). Additional amendments are proposed related to variances.

Rules and Regulations for Licensing Nursing Facilities:

Licensing of Nursing Facilities (216-RICR-40-10-1)

216-RICR-40-10-1

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There are proposed changes for this rule.

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Title	216	Department of Health
Chapter	40	Professional Licensing and Facility Regulation
Subchapter	10	Facilities Regulation
Part	1	Licensing of Nursing Facilities (216-RICR-40-10-1)

Type of Filing	Amendment
Regulation Status	Active
Effective	03/07/2024

Regulation Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17-10

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17.5-32

R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17.5-33

Purpose and Reason:

The intent of the proposed amendments is to clarify the following provisions established in statute:

1. The owner of a nursing facility is the person who holds title to the real property;
2. The operator of a nursing facility is the person that is responsible for the operation of the facility and answering to its governing body, which is ultimately responsible for compliance with the regulations and the health and safety of the nursing facility's residents;
3. Historically, the owner of a nursing facility was its operator; in recent years, ownership has often been separated from operation;
4. Managers, contracted by the operator of a nursing facility, should only assist the operator of the nursing facility;
5. A lessee usually operates a nursing facility under a lease from the owner or operator;
6. A lessee can be the operator of a nursing facility;
7. Equity interests must be maintained for the life of the license;
8. A nursing facility license is usually held by the operator.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at the above address, or by phone at (401) 222-1243.

Sincerely,

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