



December 27, 2017

Mr. Marc Denos  
Social Security Administration  
Office of Income Security Programs, Keys Section  
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6401 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

Dear Mr. Denos:

Thank you for your letter of October 2, 2017, reminding this agency of the requirement to certify annually Texas' compliance with section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act, otherwise known as the Keys Amendment. The information included in this letter relative to Keys Amendment requirements applies to the 2018 federal fiscal year.

On behalf of the State of Texas, The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) hereby certifies Texas' compliance with section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act. The State of Texas complies with Keys Amendment requirements through the combined efforts of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), and HHSC. The Texas Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS) no longer exists and all prior functions of that agency have now moved to HHSC, along with regulatory functions from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

DFPS and HHSC standards, waiver provisions, and enforcement procedures are outlined in the Texas Administrative Code, Titles 25 and 40. More information about the standards and how to obtain information about violations of standards can be found in these state agencies' websites at:

- HHSC: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us>
- DFPS: <http://www.dfps.state.tx.us>

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Stephanie Allred, Licensing and Credentialing Director in our Long Term Care Regulatory Services Division, serves as the lead staff on this matter and can be reached by phone at (512) 438-3097 or by email at [stephanie.allred@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:stephanie.allred@hhsc.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

Mary T. Henderson  
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