

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES Office of the Commissioner

S. Duke Storen Commissioner

December 8, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Logan:

The Virginia Department of Social Services, Division of Licensing Programs is the entity designated to report the compliance with the Keys Amendment. I am writing to certify that the Commonwealth of Virginia is in compliance with the Keys Amendment, Section 1616 (e) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. § 1382 e.].

Agencies that have statutory authority to regulate facilities in Virginia are required to develop and enforce standards for residential facilities where recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) reside or are likely to reside. These standards are promulgated as regulations and are available to the public on both the Virginia Town Hall website (https://townhall.virginia.gov/) and the Virginia General Assembly website (https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode). The various stages of regulatory review and approval are posted on the Town Hall website as well as the Virginia Register of Regulations website (http://register.dls.virginia.gov/process.shtml).

During the past year, the following regulations were amended:

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| Department                                | Regulation Title and Website Location  |
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| Department of                             | Standards for Licensed Assisted Living Facilities (22VAC40-73)   |
| Social Services                           | https://townhall.virginia.gov/l/viewaction.cfm?actionid=5739   |
|   | General Procedures and Information for Licensure (22VAC40-80)<br><u>https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title22/agency40/chapter80/</u><br>Fee Requirements for Processing Applications (22VAC40-160)<br><u>https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title22/agency40/chapter160/</u><br>Background Checks for Child Welfare Agencies (22VAC40-191)<br><u>https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title22/agency40/chapter191/</u> |
| Department of<br>Behavioral<br>Health and | Requirements for Virginia's Early Intervention System (12VAC35-225)<br>https://www.townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewChapter.cfm?chapterid=2873  |
| Developmental                             |  |
| Services                                  |  |

No other amendments were made to regulations or policies that apply to residences for SSI residents.

If you need further information, please contact Alisa Foley, Policy and Program Evaluation Consultant, Division of Licensing Programs, at (804) 726-7138 or at <u>a.foley@dss.virginia.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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