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**SUBJECT: KEYS AMENDMENT SECTION 1616(e) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT – CERTIFICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

Dear Scott Logan:

This is to certify that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD), meets the requirements of the Keys Amendment (Section 1616(e) of the Social Security Act). The California Department of Developmental Services (CDDS) is also submitting the enclosed letter to certify their compliance with the Keys Amendment.

CDSS establishes, maintains, and enforces licensing standards for residential facilities. These standards govern such matters as admission policies, safety, sanitation, and the protection of residents' rights. CDSS oversees the following facility types where a significant number of residents receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) reside or are likely to reside: Adult Residential Facilities; Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs; Community Crisis Homes; Enhanced Behavioral Support Homes; Foster Family Homes; Group Homes; Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill; Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly; Resource Family Approved Homes; Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs; Small Family Homes; Social Rehabilitation Facilities; Temporary Shelter Care Facilities; and Transitional Housing Placement Programs.

As required by subdivision (e)(2) and (3) of Section 1616 of the Social Security Act (the Keys Amendment), CDSS certifies the standards established pursuant to subdivision (e)(1) of Section 1616 of the Social Security Act (the Keys Amendment) as well as licensing, enforcement, waiver, and deficiency procedures are made available to the public and any interested person for review.

You specified that you would like any new or revised standards and enforcement procedures that have been implemented since our last submission in 2024.

Enclosed are four regulation packages that CDSS has filed since our last submission:

- **Dementia Care in Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) and Miscellaneous Regulation Changes**  
Effective January 1, 2025, these regulations support person-centered care and help residents remain in RCFEs as they age in place. The standards for dementia care, previously housed in one regulatory section, are now integrated throughout multiple sections to support care for all residents, with modernized definitions and language that reflect current best practices. A key part of these regulations is that access to items is based on individual needs and behaviors such that all residents, regardless of diagnosis, may or may not be allowed access to specified items (e.g., cleaning solutions or sharp objects) based on their appraisal.
- **Personal Rights in Privately Operated Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs)**  
Effective July 22, 2025, these regulations implemented Senate Bill 1406 (2024). These regulations update the Personal Rights of Residents in Privately Operated Facilities, to align with the amendment adopted under Health and Safety Code section 1569.269(a)(31). This update establishes a new personal right for residents to request, refuse, or discontinue a service. These regulations amended requirements in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 8, Section 87468.2.
- **Adoption Agencies Regulations Amendments**  
Effective October 1, 2025, these regulations implement Department policies for the termination of an adoption agency license. The amendments add standard time frames for agency closure procedures, require a closure plan, and specify how records shall be handled.
- **Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP)**  
Effective January 1, 2026, these regulations replace the Interim Licensing Standards governing Transitional Housing Placement Providers. The regulations incorporate statutory requirements and stakeholder feedback, ensuring consistency in the licensing and oversight of THPPs. They also more clearly denote which regulations apply to minors in THPPs, nonminor dependents in THPPs, or both.

The above referenced enforcement procedures can be accessed by using the hyperlinks below:

- CCR Title 22, Division 6: Scroll down to the licensing category referenced above: [Residential Regulations: California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 6](#)
- Office of Regulations Development (ORD):
  - [Standard Regulations](#), which lists standard non-emergency regulations processed by ORD; and

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- o [Completed Regulations](#), which lists regulations that have completed processing by ORD.

If you have questions regarding our submission, I can be reached at (916) 657-2598 or you may contact Kevin Gaines, Deputy Director of CCLD, at (916) 657-2346.

In partnership,

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Enclosures