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To: All DDS Qualified Providers

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RE: Bed Bug Infestation Notification

Previously, the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services (DDS) issued an alert regarding the ongoing public health problem of bed bug infestation across the United States. See the web link below for further information from the Connecticut Department of Public Health: Bed Bugs (ct.gov)

The Department continues to provide Qualified Providers (via the suggested web link noted above) with important information regarding the identification of and appropriate treatment response to infestations.

In order for DDS to monitor infestation occurrences, service providers must notify their Regional Resource Manager and the Quality and Systems Improvement email (DDS.QSI@ct.qov) of the following:

- The date of and location of the initial infestation;
- All actions to address the infestation;
- Final verification of resolution of the infestation problem.