HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

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TO: All Nursing Homes
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SUBJECT: Visitor Restrictions

The State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health is committed to taking critical steps to ensure nursing home residents are protected from communicable diseases, including Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in healthcare facilities, specifically Chronic and Convalescent Nursing Homes and Rest Homes with Nursing Supervision, effective immediately, the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, is directing that all Chronic and Convalescent Nursing Homes and Rest Homes with Nursing Supervision impose restrictions on all visitors except when a current health state (e.g. end-of-life care) is in question. For example, the facility may allow a visitor(s) to a resident who is on hospice or end-of-life care as long as the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is used in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance documents and when the resident meets the criteria based on exposure to COVID-19. Please refer to CDC guidance documents at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019