

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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### BLAST FAX 2021-17A

TO: Nursing Homes, Home Health Agencies, Homemaker-Home Health Aide Agencies, Assisted Living Service Agencies, Hospice Care Agencies, Intermediate Care Facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID), Chronic Disease Hospitals, and Residential Care Homes

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DATE: June 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Applicant Background Check Management System (ABCMS) Program

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The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) hopes that you find this information to be helpful regarding the Applicant Background Check Management System (ABCMS) Program. Please join DPH for a Teams meeting "ABCMS: Updates and Q & A". This audience is for all ABCMS system users, as critical information will be provided.

*System users with workers hired from March 23, 2020 through May 19, 2021 (7K workers) should find the discussion of particular interest. Please be advised that employees hired during this time frame that have not been fingerprinted by July 20, 2021, **will not be eligible for continued employment and must be terminated when Executive Order 7K expires on July 20, 2021, unless they are fingerprinted before the Executive Order's expiration.***



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Workers who are fingerprinted before July 20<sup>th</sup> but awaiting results can be hired under provisional status in accordance with section 19a-491c(f)(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes. Among the statute's requirements is that the individual is subject to direct, on-site supervision during the course of such provisional employment or contractual or volunteer period, and the individual, in a signed statement (i) affirms that the individual has not committed a disqualifying offense, and (ii) acknowledges that a disqualifying offense reported in the background search required by the statute shall constitute good cause for termination. The *Consent and Disclosure Form* qualifies satisfies this requirement.

As noted in Blast Fax 21-17 (attached) the Department has collaborated with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to develop an aggressive plan to address the ABCMS fingerprinting of 7K workers. It is mission critical to the success of this plan that appointments are scheduled as soon as possible.

DPH will be hosting informational meetings with the first meeting dedicated to nursing homes. *DPH strongly encourages you to attend one of the scheduled Teams sessions.*

The content will be the same for each meeting, except for the *Question & Answer* portion, so you only need to participate in one meeting, however, please be reminded the June 9, 2021 session is dedicated to nursing homes.

Teams meetings will be held on:

- Wednesday, June 9, 2021 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.: Nursing Home Focus Only
- Friday, June 11, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.: Assisted Living Focus
- Monday, June 14, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.: All
- Wednesday, June 16, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: All
- Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: All

No registration is needed. To join the meeting, please use this link for any session:

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For general information relating to your responsibilities under Section 19a-491c, please visit the DPH's website at [www.ct.gov/dph/ABCMS](http://www.ct.gov/dph/ABCMS). The Department looks forward to providing this

informative meeting. For additional information on the program including training video tutorials, please visit the DPH's ABCMS website at [www.ct.gov/dph/ABCMS](http://www.ct.gov/dph/ABCMS). For questions, please contact the ABCMS Program by email at [dph.ABCMS@ct.gov](mailto:dph.ABCMS@ct.gov) or at (860) 509-8366. Thank you.