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TO: All Nursing Homes, Nursing Home Care Partners
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All Assisted Living Services Agencies

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DATE: April 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Essential Care Giver Policies

Public Act [21-71](#) An Act Concerning Essential Support Persons And A State-Wide Visitation Policy For Residents Of Long-term Care Facilities required the Department to establish a state-wide policy for visitation within a long-term care facility as prescribed in this act as a nursing home, managed residential community, and assisted living services agency. The policy regarding visitation requires the Department to incorporate the resident's need for health, safety, and well-being along with including primary and secondary essential support persons.

Attached please find the Department's guidance regarding the rights of the resident to visitation including the ability to elect a primary and secondary essential support person. The Department requests all facilities develop or revise current visitation policies by or before April 30, 2022, to include the requirements in the Department's guidance.



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