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TO: All Nursing Homes

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SUBJECT: Nursing Home Rejection due to Mental Health Services

With the recent passage of [Public Act 24-19](#), An Act Concerning the Health and Safety of Connecticut Residents, please be reminded that effective October 1, 2024, Section 38 of the Public Act makes it a discriminatory practice for any nursing home to reject an applicant solely on the basis that they have received mental health services. Section 38 of Public Act 24-19 requires:

(b) It shall be a discriminatory practice in violation of this section for any nursing home to reject an applicant for admission to such nursing home solely on the basis that such person has, at any time, received mental health services. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a nursing home to admit a person as a resident if (1) such person poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, (2) such person does not require the level of care provided in a nursing home as determined in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements, or (3) admitting such person as a resident would result in converting the nursing home into an institution for mental diseases.

Please refer to Public Act 24-19 for the full requirement and ensure your policies and procedures align with Public Act.



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