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**SUBJECT:** Nursing Home Closures and Waiting Lists

With the recent passage of [Public Act no. 24-141](#), please be reminded that changes were made to the requirements regarding nursing home waiting lists when a nursing home is closing. The change requires nursing homes to admit residents without regard to the order of their waiting lists when certain conditions are met.

Effective July 1, 2024, Section (2) of [Public Act no. 24-141](#), An Act Promoting Nursing Home Resident Quality of Life, required:

(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a nursing home shall, without regard to the order of its waiting list, admit an applicant who (1) seeks to transfer from a nursing home that is closing, or (2) seeks to transfer from a nursing home in which the applicant was placed following the closure of the nursing home where such applicant previously resided or, in the case of a nursing home placed in receivership, the anticipated closure of the nursing home where such applicant previously resided, provided (A) the transfer occurs not later than sixty days following the date that such applicant was transferred from the nursing home where he or she previously resided, and (B) except when the nursing home that is closing transferred the resident due to an emergency, the applicant submitted an application to the nursing home to which he or she seeks

admission at the time of the applicant's transfer from the nursing home where he or she previously resided. A nursing home that qualifies for a waiting list exemption pursuant to subsection (f) or (g) of this section shall not be required to admit an indigent person under this subsection except when the resident is being transferred from a nursing home that is closing due to an emergency. No nursing home shall be required to admit an applicant pursuant to the provisions of this subsection if the nursing home has determined that (i) the applicant does not have a payor source because the applicant has been denied Medicaid eligibility or the applicant has failed to pay a nursing home that is closing for the three months preceding the date of the application for admittance and has no pending application for Medicaid, (ii) the applicant is subject to a Medicaid penalty period, or (iii) the applicant does not require nursing home level of care as determined in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements.

Please ensure your Waiting List policies and procedures reflect the changes made to Public Act no. 24-141.



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