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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations and Notice of Public Hearing

The Commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services, pursuant to Section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes, hereby gives notice of his intent to amend Sections 17a-227-1 to 17a-227-12, inclusive, and repeal Sections 17a-227-13 to 17a-227-22, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Statement of Purpose: These Licensing of Community Living Arrangements regulations are being amended in accordance with Public Act 03-146 to require that: (1) all residential facility staff be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; (2) records of staffing schedules and actual staff hours worked, by residential facility, be available for inspection by the department upon advance notice; (3) each residential facility develop and implement emergency plans and staff training to address emergencies that may pose a threat to the health and safety of the residents of the facility; (4) department staff verify during quality service reviews and licensing inspections, that (A) staff is adequately trained to respond in an emergency, and (B) a summary of information on each resident is available to emergency medical personnel for use in an emergency; and (5) not less than one-half of the quality service reviews, licensing inspections or facility visits conducted by the department after initial licensure are unannounced. These regulations are also being amended in accordance with Public Act 14-194 to require that all DDS residential facilities serving persons with Down syndrome fifty years of age or older have at least one staff member trained in Alzheimer's disease and dementia symptoms and care.

In addition to the required amendments pursuant to Public Acts 03-146 and 14-194, these amended regulations (1) embed into state regulations the standards of the department's quality system required by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), (2) streamline the license review and the quality system review into one process, (3) reflect current best practices; and (4) reflect changes in practice dictated by expanded choice in service options for individuals. These regulations also seek to repeal sections 17a-227-13 to 17a-227-22, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Copies of the proposed, amended regulations are available on the DDS website www.ct.gov/dds. Also, they may be obtained from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 ATTN: Rod O'Connor; by calling Rod O'Connor at (860) 418-6130; or by e-mailing rod.oconnor@ct.gov.

Public hearings concerning the proposed, amended CLA regulations and the proposed, amended DDS Community Companion Home (CCH) regulations will be held on Monday, October 27, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Room 1A of the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106. Persons wishing to submit written testimony on both the proposed, amended CLA and CCH regulations should submit separate testimony for each set of regulations.

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Persons wishing to sign-up for the 10:00 a.m. public hearing may do so beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1A of the Legislative Office Building. Persons wishing to sign-up for the 4:00 p.m. public hearing may do so beginning at 3:30 p.m. in Room 1A of the Legislative Office Building. Persons testifying at the public hearings will be called in order of sign-up and will have three minutes in which to testify. Please be aware that there are new security procedures in place that include metal detector screening at the entrance to the Legislative Office Building.

Persons wishing to present their views and comments regarding the proposed, amended regulations are invited to do so in writing by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2014. Written comments regarding the proposed, amended regulations may be sent to the Department of Developmental Services, 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 ATTN: Rod O'Connor, Legislative and Regulations Analyst; may be e-mailed to rod.oconnor@ct.gov or may be submitted at either of the public hearings. Written, oral, or e-mailed comments received by the November 14, 2014 deadline will be considered by DDS and may result in modifications to the proposed, amended Licensing of Community Living Arrangements regulations.

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