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TO: Assisted Living Program

FROM: Carol Benner, Director, Licensing and Certification Administration

SUBJECT: Assisted Living Programs - Fire and Life Safety Inspections

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This is to provide you with updated information on how you may satisfy the requirement for annual fire and life safety inspections at your assisted living programs ("ALP").

Fire inspection requests for ALPs located in Baltimore City with a bed capacity of 1 to 5 residents are to be directed to Inspector James Harris at the Baltimore City Fire Prevention Bureau, (410) 396-5752. Programs in Baltimore City with a bed capacity of 6 or more residents are required to be fully sprinklered and the request for inspections are to be directed to Inspector Yvette Stanley at (410) 396-5752.

Baltimore County ALPs with a bed capacity of 1 to 3 beds will be inspected for life safety, jointly by Baltimore County Department of Health ("BCDH") sanitarians and surveyors from Licensing and Certification Administration ("LCA"). Programs with resident capacities of 4 or more beds are to contact the Baltimore County Fire Prevention Bureau (410- 887-4883) for information on compliance with the life safety requirements.

Surveyors from LCA will conduct the life safety inspection in all other jurisdictions except Baltimore City and Baltimore County, for ALPs with 1 to 5 residents. The ALPS in jurisdictions other than Baltimore City and Baltimore County with a bed capacity of 6 or more residents must be fully sprinklered and the ALP manager is required to submit the request for a fire inspection, in writing, to Roslyn Spencer, Fire Inspection Scheduler, at the State Fire Marshal Office, 300 E. Joppa Road, Towson, Maryland, 21204. Ms. Spencer will forward your written request to the State Fire Marshal Office closest to your ALP.

Please call LCA at (410) 764-3755 if you have any questions.

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