

Memorandum of Understanding
between
**The Virginia Department of Health
Office of Licensure and Certification**
and
**The Virginia Department of Health Professions
The Board of Long-Term Care Administrators**

This is a general memorandum of understanding between the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Licensure and Certification and the Virginia Department of Health Professions, Board of Long-Term Care Administrators.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the memorandum is to establish methods for exchange of information that will maximize cooperation between two regulatory authorities in promoting the delivery of quality care and effectively ensuring protection of the health, safety and welfare of residents of nursing homes and other long term care facilities.

AUTHORITY

The statutory authority for the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Licensure and Certification is found in Articles 1 and 2, Chapter 5, Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia.

The statutory authority for the Virginia Department of Health Professions is found in Chapters 1, 24 and 25 of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia.

The statutory authority for the Virginia Board of Long-Term Care Administrators is found in Chapter 31 of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia.

UNDERSTANDING

The Director, Office of Licensure and Certification agrees to provide the Executive Director, Board of Long-Term Care Administrators with the following information:

1. A copy of any written notification from the State Health Commissioner to any licensed nursing home of the Department's intent to take adverse action that will limit, restrict or prohibit nursing home operations, including but not limited to, actions to restrict new admissions or to suspend or revoke a license. The information transmitted will include documentation that caused action by the Commissioner.

2. A copy of any written notification from the Director of the Office of Licensure and Certification to any licensed nursing home of the intent of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) or the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to take adverse action that will limit or prohibit certification under the Medicare and/or Medicaid program, including but not limited to substandard quality of care, restriction on new admissions, or involuntary termination. The information transmitted will include a copy of the survey findings that caused such action.
3. All pertinent information pertaining to the long term care facility during the administrator's tenure at the facility, upon receipt of a complaint or upon initiation of an investigation by the Department of Health Professions.
4. Any information and documentation the Director deems necessary to refer to the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators for review on any specific licensed nursing home or Medicare/Medicaid certified long-term care facility that has a history of recurring violations or confirmed complaints.
5. Technical assistance and consultation when requested, on matters of mutual interest and concern to both agencies.

The Executive Director of the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators (Department of Health Professions) will provide the Office of Licensure and Certification (Department of Health) with the following:

1. Written notification of suspension, revocation or voluntary surrender of an individual's Nursing Home Administrator license.
2. Documentation of findings of any complaint or other investigation of a Long Term Care Administrator conducted by the Department of Health Professions that affects the delivery of patient care in a specific nursing home.
3. Technical assistance and consultation when requested, on matters of mutual interest and concern to both agencies.

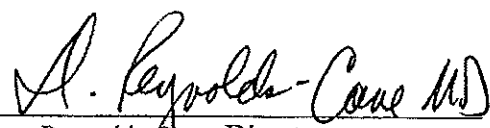
Both agencies further agree to periodically review the contents of this memorandum at least every four years and reserve the right to request revisions. The memorandum shall take effect on the latest date it is signed by designated representatives of both agencies. Both agencies reserve the right to cancel the memorandum after giving 60 days written notice to the other agency.



Dr. Karen Remley
State Health Commissioner

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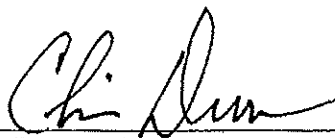
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Dr. Dianne Reynolds-Cane, Director
Department of Health Professions

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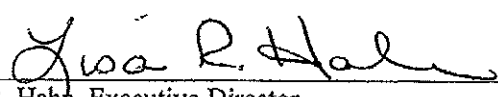
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Chris Durrer, Director
Office of Licensure & Certification
Virginia Department of Health

July 8, 2011

Date



Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director
Board of Long-Term Care Administrators

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Date