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Dear Administrator/Provider/Superintendent:

The Department of Social and Health Services has created a tool to help providers and families follow the visitation guidelines found in the <u>Safe Start for Long-Term Care Plans</u>. This aid concisely explains what is and is not allowed during facility visits and includes answers to frequently asked questions.

You can find this visual aid by following this direct <u>link</u>. It is also available on the Safe Start for Long-Term Care web page <u>here</u> and on the FamHelp Facility Status and Information web page <u>here</u>.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident or client health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact <u>RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Mike Anbesse, Director Residential Care Services

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