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**CORRECTION REGARDING LONG-TERM CARE SETTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION 21-14, COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**

Dear Provider / Administrator / Agency:

The letter is to correct and clarify long-term care setting obligations under Governor [Proclamation 21-14, COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement](#).

On August 27, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) mistakenly included long-term care settings in a letter regarding contract requirements under the Governor's vaccination proclamation. Those of you who are Medicaid contracted facilities may have received this letter.

However, licensed nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family homes, enhanced services facilities, and contracted supported living service providers are considered health care settings under proclamation 21-14. As such, you are not required to follow the direction in the August 27 letter and are not required to provide DSHS with a signed declaration.

For instructions on long-term care setting requirements under the Governor's vaccination proclamation, please follow this [link](#) to the AL TSA Provider / Administrator Letters web page and read the provider letter entitled "Governor Proclamation on Mandatory Vaccination" dated September 3, 2021.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact RCS at [RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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