

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Aging and Long-Term Support Administration PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

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ALTSA: NH #2018-007 NURSING HOME LOCATOR EXPANSION

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

Section 1902(d)(9) of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act requires the state to maintain a consumer-oriented website providing useful information to consumers regarding all skilled nursing facilities and all nursing facilities in the State. This legislation is intended to provide comprehensive information that is user-friendly to residents, family members and prospective residents regarding the nursing homes (NH) in the state of Washington.

In addition to the existing information available, RCS will begin posting enforcement letters on the NH Locator at <a href="https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/adsaapps/lookup/NHAdvLookup.aspx">https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/adsaapps/lookup/NHAdvLookup.aspx</a>. When a user clicks on "View Reports", the additional category of Enforcement Letters will display when a facility has documents posted: These letters will be retained on the locator for three years from the date of the enforcement.

Thank you for your continued commitment to nursing home residents. If you have any questions, please contact your RCS Field Manager.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director Residential Care Services

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