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SECRETARY

March 31, 2010

RE: Emergency Status System (ESS) Enrollment Required by April 30

Dear Administrator:

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) maintains the Emergency Status System (ESS) database to allow health care providers to enter emergency-related information through the Internet. During an emergency event, this information is utilized by your Local Emergency Operations Center as well as the Statewide Emergency Operations Center to identify needed resources or assistance, and to direct action necessary to assure they are made available in the most effective way possible. ESS enables reporting of information that has traditionally been collected through phone calls and fax responses, including emergency contacts, evacuation status, power and generator status, available beds and more. ESS is available to Agency-regulated providers that offer 24-hour care or residential settings and dialysis centers. If you have not enrolled in ESS, please do so immediately. If you have previously enrolled, please take time now to verify your information.

Pursuant to s. 408.821, Florida Statutes, a safety liaison must be designated as the primary contact for emergency operations, and licensees providing residential or inpatient services must utilize an online database approved by the Agency to report information to the Agency regarding the provider's emergency status, planning, or operations.

Each provider may enroll up to two people as Provider ESS Users. Additionally, persons affiliated with the provider, such as a corporate representative, may enroll as Affiliate ESS Users. Once approved by the provider, the Affiliate may enter information for the provider into ESS. Please enroll and update your information online at the Emergency Status System (ESS) link: <http://ess.myflorida.com/>. If you are enrolling in ESS, select the "First Time Users" link to complete a user agreement.

**Please comply with ESS Enrollment by April 30, 2010. Failure to comply with this request will result in administrative sanctions that may include fines and revocation of your license.**



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Should you have questions about this information or any other Agency activities, please contact the appropriate Agency unit for assistance.

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Assisted Living Facilities and  
Adult Family Care Homes

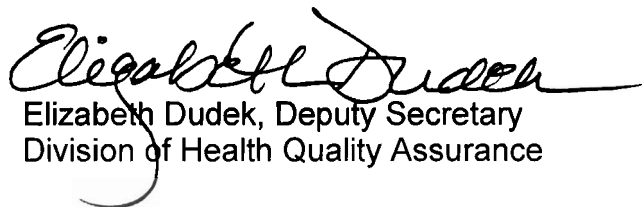
**Long Term Care Unit (850) 412-4303**  
Nursing Homes, Intermediate Care  
Facilities for the Developmentally  
Disabled and Transitional Living  
Facilities

**Hospital Unit (850) 412-4549**  
Hospitals, Crisis Stabilization Units, Short-Term Residential Treatment Facilities,  
Residential Treatment Facilities and Residential Treatment Centers for Children and  
Adolescents

**Laboratory Unit (850) 412-4500**  
End Stage Renal Disease Facilities

**Home Care Unit (850) 412-4403**  
Hospice Freestanding Inpatient Facilities and  
Residential Units Only

Sincerely,

  
Elizabeth Dudek, Deputy Secretary  
Division of Health Quality Assurance

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