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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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**GUIDANCE ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS
IN LONG-TERM CARE SETTINGS REVISED**

Dear Provider/Administrator:

A letter, dated March 3, 2025, regarding immigration enforcement guidelines was sent to you in error. The message applied only to state facilities. We apologize for the miscommunication.

Pursuant to Residential Care Services (RCS) regulatory authorities, RCS may conduct unannounced licensing or certification visits. RCS licensing and certification processes do not require knowledge of the immigration or citizenship status of clients or staff.

If there are questions regarding long-term care facility staff's options for responding to federal immigration enforcement activity, please consult with your legal counsel. While DSHS cannot provide independent facilities with legal advice, you may find the following public resources helpful:

1. [Attorney General's Office: Know Your Rights](#)
2. [Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network \(WAISN\)](#)
3. [Northwest Immigrant Rights Project \(NWIRP\)](#)

As a reminder, any conditions that disrupt the provider's or entity representative's ability to continue to provide care or services to each resident must be reported to the Residential Care Services (RCS) Complaint Resolution Unit (CRU) Hotline 1-800-562-6078.

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director
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