March 20, 2020

RE: First Quarter 2020 Fire Drills

To our Assisted Living Communities and Home Health Care Partners,

In regard to the COVID-19 crisis and the worry of the spread throughout the Communities the following directive is hereby issued. We understand that some Assisted Living Communities and Home Health Care may have not completed their mandatory quarterly fire safety drills as of March 2020.

Therefore, if your facility has failed to complete the mandatory drill before the COVID-19 Crisis, no penalties will be issued for this quarter. This is in regards to the SFMO jurisdiction under OCGA Title 25, code and regulations, but our office does not any have any authority with the regulatory requirements and/or agreements your facilities may have with DCH (Department of Community Health) and/or CMS (Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services), please check with these Departments in regards to their requirements. If your facility was able to complete the fire safety drill, please record and report as normal. Depending on the future of this crisis, additional directives may follow.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact our Fire Safety Manager Keith Shadix at kshadix@oci.ga.gov or (404) 463-0378.

Sincerely,

Mark Revenew