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TO: Nursing Homes, Home Health Agencies, Homemaker-Home Health Aide Agencies, Assisted Living Service Agencies, Hospice Care Agencies, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID), Chronic Disease Hospitals, and Residential Care Homes

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DATE: June 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Applicant Background Check Management System (ABCMS) Program

Please join the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) for a Teams meeting titled "ABCMS: Updates and Q & A". This Q & A session is for all ABCMS system users. Critical information will be provided.

*ABCMS users with workers hired from March 23, 2020 through May 19, 2021 (7K workers) should find the discussion of particular interest. Please be advised that 7K workers who have not been fingerprinted by July 20, 2021, **will not be eligible for continued employment and must be terminated when Executive Order 7K expires on July 20, 2021, unless they are fingerprinted before the Executive Order expires.***

Workers who are fingerprinted before July 20th but awaiting results can be hired under provisional status in accordance with section 19a-491c(f)(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The statute requires such individuals to be subject to direct, on-site supervision during the course



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of such provisional employment or contractual or volunteer period. Under the statute the individual also must, in a signed statement (i) affirm that the individual has not committed a disqualifying offense, and (ii) acknowledge that a disqualifying offense reported in the background search required by the statute shall constitute good cause for termination. The *Consent and Disclosure Form* satisfies the latter requirement.

As noted in Blast Fax 21-17 (attached) the Department has collaborated with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to develop an aggressive plan to address the ABCMS fingerprinting of 7K workers. It is mission critical to the success of this plan that appointments are scheduled as soon as possible.

DPH will be hosting informational meetings with the first meeting dedicated to nursing homes. *DPH strongly encourages you to attend one of the scheduled Teams sessions.* The content will be the same for each meeting, except for the *Question & Answer* portion, so you only need to participate in one meeting.

Teams meetings will be held on:

- Wednesday, June 16, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: All
- **Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Home Health and Hospice Focus**

No registration is needed. To join the meeting, please use this link for any session:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

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Or call in (audio only)

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For general information relating to your responsibilities under Section 19a-491c, please visit the DPH's website at www.ct.gov/dph/ABCMS. The Department looks forward to providing this informative meeting. For additional information on the program including training video tutorials, please visit the DPH's ABCMS website at www.ct.gov/dph/ABCMS. For questions, please contact the ABCMS Program by email at dph.ABCMS@ct.gov or at (860) 509-8366. Thank you.