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DATE: June 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Applicant Background Check Management System (ABCMS) Program: *Critical Information Affecting Employment* of 7K workers (workers hired from March 23, 2020 through May 19, 2021)

Please be advised that **7K workers** (workers hired from March 23, 2020 through May 19, 2021) 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.**

7K 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 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



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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.

Critical Information Affecting Employment of 7K workers (workers hired from March 23, 2020 through May 19, 2021)

To continue to employ 7K workers you must have their fingerprint portion of their background checks completed as soon as possible. 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 for fingerprinting services are scheduled as soon as possible.

Fingerprinting will be provided by appointment only through SignUpGenius at https://biglink.to/DPH_ABCMS_Fingerprinting.

Your unprinted 7K workers must use the above SignUpGenius link to make their appointments to be fingerprinted. For persons hired on or after May 20, 2021, fingerprinting services are also scheduled using SignUpGenius. Appointments will be made ten (10) minutes apart, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fingerprinting services are temporarily not available at Headquarters (HQ) in Middletown, CT for your applicants. We apologize for any inconvenience to your applicants, however the other State Troop locations* are open for fingerprinting services.

“ABCMS: Updates and Q & A” Webinars: focused on workers hired from March 23, 2020 through May 19, 2021 (7K workers)

Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to hold webinar sessions for all ABCMS system users. We are offering three additional webinars, “ABCMS: Updates and Q & A”, focused on workers hired from March 23, 2020 through May 19, 2021 (7K workers). One of the previous webinars is posted in the “Help” section of the ABCMS portal and on DPH’s public-facing website at www.ct.gov/dph/ABCMS.

DPH strongly encourages you to watch the posted webinar or attend one of the three scheduled Teams sessions, if you haven’t recently attended a webinar. The content will be the same for each meeting, except for the Question & Answer portion, so you only need to participate in one meeting.

No registration is needed. The dates/times are listed below for the “ABCMS: Updates and Q & A” webinars.

- Wednesday, 6/30/2021 at 3:30
- Thursday, 7/1/2021 at 11:00
- Wednesday, 7/7/2021 at 3:30

To join one of the above “ABCMS: Updates and Q & A” webinars, please use this link:

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Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

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“Introduction to the ABCMS Program: New Users/All Users Welcome” Webinars

DPH is offering two “Introduction to the ABCMS Program: New Users/All Users Welcome” webinars. The content will be the same for each meeting, except for the *Question & Answer* portion, so you only need to participate in one meeting. This webinar session will review the basics of the ABCMS Program. Everyone is welcome to attend, however please note that the focus will be on information for new users. There will not be time at this session for information on 7K workers.

No registration is needed. The dates/times are listed below for the “Introduction to the ABCMS Program: New Users/All Users Welcome” webinars.

- Wednesday, 6/30/2021 at 12:00
- Tuesday, 7/6/2021 at 1:00

To join one of the above “Introduction to the ABCMS Program: New Users/All Users Welcome” webinars, please use this link:

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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.

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