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Dear Administrators:

During the 2015 Florida legislative session, new laws were enacted that affect Transitional Living Facility (TLF) providers in this state. The primary legislation affecting TLF providers is Senate Bill 682. Most provisions of Senate Bill 682, Chapter 400 Part XI, F.S. are effective July 1, 2015. This correspondence provides an overview of the licensure changes as a result of the new legislation. Please review the new law for all details.

To access the full text of these new laws, please visit:

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0400-0499/0400/0400PartXIContentsIndex.html&StatuteYear=2015&Title=%2D%3E2015%2D%3EChapter%20400%2D%3EPart%20XI

This bill makes the following changes for licensure:

- Provides application requirements including local zoning, County Health Department sanitation inspection, and obtaining and maintaining accreditation within one year of licensure.
- Requires TLF's to have policies and procedures governing client admission, transfer, and discharge.
- Requires a comprehensive treatment plan to be developed for each client; providing plan and staffing requirements; requiring certain consent for continued treatment in a TLF.
- Outlines licensee responsibilities regarding written notification, property, and personal affairs.
- Addresses administration of medication to include, but not limited to, training and supervision for the administration of medications by staff.
- Requires, along with the screening of potential employees, training and monitoring of employees for the protection of clients.



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- Outlines requirements and limitations for the use of physical restraints, seclusion, and chemical restraint medication on clients; defines these and other terms.
- Provides legislative intent; authorizing the Agency to adopt and enforce rules establishing specified standards for TLF's and personnel.
- Outlines certain violations and penalties; providing administrative fines for specified classes of violations.
- Authorizes the Agency to apply certain provisions with regards to receivership proceedings.

Should you have questions about this information or any other Agency activities, please contact Sandra Schorr of the Long-Term Care Unit at (850) 412-4303.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernard E. Hudson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bernard E. Hudson, Manager
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