



Date: April 7, 2017

To: Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs)
Day Activity and Health Services (DAHS) Facilities
Home and Community Support Services Agencies (HCCSAs)
Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or
Related Conditions (ICFs/IID)
Nursing Facilities (NFs)

Subject: Provider Letter No. 17-08 – Process for Retiring Provider Letters

In April 2017, the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) will begin reviewing and retiring, or revising and reissuing provider letters (PLs) issued eight or more years ago. The goals of this retire or revise initiative are to streamline DADS regulatory policies, reduce provider and stakeholder confusion, and manage the volume of letters with which DADS-regulated facilities, agencies, and licensees are expected to be familiar.

DADS will begin issuing a series of program specific PLs that announce the list of letters that are being retired. If a DADS review indicates that a PL on a topic covered in an old letter is still necessary, the letter will remain active until the letter can be revised and reissued with a new PL number. Moving forward, DADS will conduct this review process annually and issue a PL to inform stakeholders of the PLs that are being retired.

Please be advised that notice that a letter is being retired **does not** mean that providers are no longer required to comply with applicable state and federal rules applicable to the topic. DADS requires all licensed facilities and agencies, as well as licensed or permitted persons, to comply with all state and federal laws and licensure rules applicable to the program in question.

Please direct questions regarding this letter to a policy specialist in the Policy, Rules, and Curriculum Development section at (512) 438-3161.

Sincerely,

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