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Home Care Worker Registry Requirement for
Enhanced Assisted Living Residence Operators

Dear Enhanced Assisted Living Residence (EALR) Operator:

Chapter 471 of the Laws of 2016 amended the Education Law and Public Health Law authorizing Advanced Home Health Aides (AHHAs) with training to perform tasks upon assignment by and under the supervision of registered professional nurses. An AHHA is defined as a certified home health aide who successfully completes an approved training program for AHHAs, has satisfied all requirements to perform advanced tasks subject to supervision of a registered professional nurse, and is listed on the Home Care Worker Registry (HCWR) as an AHHA. In addition, 10 NYCRR Part 403 requires EALR operators to document employment of a home health aide (HHA) and/or personal care aide (PCA) within the HCWR.

The purpose of this letter is to advise EALR operators of the requirement to ensure that all AHHAs, HHAs and PCAs employed or used by the EALR, comply with the HCWR requirement. Per 10 NYCRR §403.5(a)(6), within ten (10) business days after the AHHA, HHA or PCA begin to provide home care services, the HCWR must be updated to reflect employment information, including the start date. To allow EALRs time to comply with this requirement, all EALR-employed or used HHAs and PCAs must be entered into the HCWR by **December 31, 2019**.

For guidance tailored to EALRs regarding use of the HCWR, please see the enclosed slide deck.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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