



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration  
**P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600**

August 12, 2021

**AL TSA: ALF #2021-043**

**ASSISTED LIVING INCENTIVE - ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL DISCHARGES**

Dear Assisted Living Facility Administrator:

The ongoing COVID-19 outbreak continues to impact medical and long-term care settings across the country. As the state is responding to another surge, we have a critical need to create capacity in acute care hospitals to serve those who need emergency and intensive care during this ongoing outbreak.

One of the top priorities of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is continuing to work with patients who no longer have a need for acute care in a hospital to transition to alternative settings. This will create capacity for hospitals to serve individuals who need acute care that can only be provided in a hospital setting.

On August 12, 2021, DSHS, Home and Community Services (HCS) Division, received approval to offer incentives to ALFs who accept new resident admissions from acute hospitals and is requesting assistance with expediting transitions from acute hospital settings.

DSHS is approving the following actions:

**Effective 8/12/21, HCS will implement a tiered ALF admission incentive for transitions from acute care hospitals.**

<b>Admissions Incentive Period:</b>	<b>08/12/2021-09/30/2021</b>
Admission Incentive: \$ 3000.00*	59 days or less since HCS referral
Admission Incentive: \$ 6000.00*	60 days or greater since HCS referral

All Incentives will be calculated from date of HCS Referral to date of referral to ALF.

Individuals newly admitting to ALFs from acute care hospitals during this period will receive a one-time admission incentive when:

- 1) A client specific approval letter is requested and approved by Home and Community Services prior to admission. This approval letter is required to receive the incentive.
- 2) The Individual admits to the ALF during 8/12/2021 through 9/30/2021.
- 3) The Department has confirmed that this is a new admission from an acute care hospital. Readmissions and transfers are not eligible for this incentive.

All ALF admission, transfer and discharge rules continue to apply.

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We know that the COVID-19 outbreak continues to have significant impacts on our ALFs, and we appreciate your willingness to partner and collaborate to meet this emergent need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Anbesse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Anbesse, Director  
Residential Care Services

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