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INVESTIGATION AND REFERRAL PROCESS FOR ALLEGATIONS UNRELATED TO PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE

Dear Administrator, Provider, and Superintendent:

Prior to July 1, 2020, the Complaint Resolution Unit (CRU) referred intake allegations of abuse, neglect, exploitation and abandonment to Adult Protective Services (APS). This letter is to inform you of a change in the referral process.

Beginning July 1, 2020, CRU will continue to refer intakes of alleged physical and sexual abuse to Adult Protective Services (APS). Please see the CRU referral table which illustrates this new referral process.

CRU will continue to refer allegations to APS for action according to current procedures. Residential Care Services field staff will continue to investigate all allegations according to prioritization.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact your regional RCS Field Manager.

Sincerely,

for Candace Goehring, Director Residential Care Services

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