

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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# ALTSA: NH #2014-018 BACKGROUND CHECK CENTRAL UNIT FORM CHANGES

Dear Nursing Home/Facility Administrator and Interested Parties:

The Background Check Central Unit (BCCU) has a new Applicant Affidavit and Applicant Request for Background Check Information form. These forms are available as of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Please review the information below for an overview of the changes and important dates:

#### Applicant Affidavit (DSHS 27-109)

- Combined 2 forms into one to reduce confusion. "General affidavit" and "protection order affidavit" now combined.
- The updated instructions provide applicants with an understanding of the process, what to expect and options to send information to our office [fax, mail, email].
- The new instructions also provide specific directions around common issues such as information needed related to drug crimes, etc.
- Multiple choice selection is user-friendly, guiding applicants to provide complete explanations.

### Applicant Request for Background Check Information Form (DSHS 27-110)

- The requestor can now select from 3 different options including the ability to identify a specific OCA or facility name.
- Address line for apartment and zip code added resulting in complete information up front.
- o Added fields to confirm identify of applicant/requestor.

#### Procedures:

- o New forms will be accepted beginning August 18, 2014.
- o Expired forms will be accepted through October 31, 2014
- Old forms submitted after October 31, 2014 will be returned unprocessed BCCU and will delay completion of the request.

Copies of the forms are available online at, <a href="http://dshs.wa.gov/bccu/bccuforms.shtml">http://dshs.wa.gov/bccu/bccuforms.shtml</a> or you can contact BCCU at 360.902.0299 to have a form sent to you. You may also be interested in visiting the BCCU website, <a href="http://dshs.wa.gov/bccu/">http://dshs.wa.gov/bccu/</a>, which includes frequently asked questions, BCCU forms, turnaround times, and BCCU contact information.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Bird, NH Policy Program Manager at (360) 725-2581 or by email <a href="mailto:birdsa@dshs.wa.gov">birdsa@dshs.wa.gov</a>.

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