

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Aging and Long-Term Support Administration PO Box 45600, Olympia, Washington 98504-5600

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ALTSA: NH #2023 029 HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC AWARDED CONTRACT TO CONDUCT NURSING HOME FULL RECERTIFICATION SURVEYS

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

The Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration, has awarded Healthcare Management Solutions, LLC (HMS) a contract to conduct Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) surveys in nursing homes. The contract began July 14, 2023 and continues through September 30, 2023.

HMS will coordinate with the state survey agency to conduct full recertification surveys, including helping to train surveyors. State agency surveyors from Residential Care Services (RCS) will join HMS in surveying.

The contractors will follow CMS' Long-Term Care Survey Process in completion of surveys and meeting any survey timelines. All contracted surveyors are CMS Surveyor Minimum Qualification Testing (SMQT) certified.

Appropriated CMS funds will be used to pay for these contracted services.

HMS shares RCS' commitment to protect vulnerable adults in nursing homes.

For questions about this letter, contact Bett Schlemmer at bett.schlemmer@dshs.wa.gov or 360.725.2404.

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director Residential Care Services

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