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Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

The Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA), the Department of Children and Families (DCF), and the Department of Health (DOH) have been working together to identify Medicaid eligible nursing home residents ages 18 and older who may be able to move to more independent living settings. Once identified, these individuals will be assisted by the appropriate agency and, based on program availability, may be offered priority placement and services in home and community-based care programs.

As a result of this initiative, you may be contacted by representatives of DOEA, DCF, or DOH to verify that individuals who have been identified as possible candidates for transition to the community are still living in your facility. Staff of these agencies may conduct on-site assessments of residents interested in transitioning to determine the level of care and services they will require. Local Ombudsmen are assisting in outreach efforts and may be distributing informational brochures to residents.

Please share this information with your Social Services Director and other appropriate facility staff. If you have residents in your facility who are interested in moving back into the community or if you have residents you believe would be good candidates for transition, please contact:

Clearinghouse on Disability Information
1-877-ADA-4YOU (1-877-232-4968)
Toll Free – Voice – TTY
clearinghouse@dms.myflorida.com

A specialist at the Clearinghouse will make referrals to the appropriate agency for assistance.

Thank you for your assistance with our transition efforts. For additional information, please visit our Web site at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/nh-transition/index.shtml>.

If you have any questions, please call Barbara Hengstebeck of my staff at (850) 488-7875 or e-mail your inquiry to hengsteb@ahca.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,

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