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Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of St. 1979 c. 393 §2 and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, a public hearing will be held on September 27, 2016 from 1:00 - 3:00PM on the 21st floor, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108.

651 CMR 12.00: Assisted Living Certification

EOEA is mandated and authorized under M.G.L. c. 19D to establish processes for the certification and renewal of certification for Applicants and Sponsors of Assisted Living Residences. 651 CMR 12.00 sets forth the standards for premises which, in part or in total, constitute an Assisted Living Residence in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and provides penalties for operating such premises without Certification.

Though the Assisted Living Regulations were updated in January 2015, this regulatory review provides the opportunity to make several minor outstanding technical corrections and further refine a newly added section concerning minimum staffing levels in Special Care Units. In addition, the requirements for reportable information was slightly modified to help ensure collected data is more meaningful, falls prevention training is required (falls are a major factor for ALR residents being unable to age in place), and establishes the authority for OEA to create a document to help residents understand that critical terms in their residency agreements are fully disclosed. The changes will enhance operations of both EOEA and the Assisted Living industry by providing a greater degree of clarity.

Written testimony and public comment from interested parties may also be submitted. All written submissions must include the sender's full name and address and may be mailed to:

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Attention: Siobhan Coyle

Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to Siobhan.coyle@state.ma.us. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached MSWord document or .pdf file with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should mail written testimony to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Attention: Siobhan Coyle, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston MA 02108. Written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on October 3rd. A copy of the regulation is attached.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow 72 hours advance notice. Last

minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. Please send an e-mail to siobhan.coyle@massmail.state.ma.us or call 617-222-7562.