



Oklahoma State Department of Health
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September 20, 2013

TO: Licensed Assisted Living Centers
RE: Provider Letter 13-01
Assisted Living Informal Dispute Resolution Panel

Dear Administrator:

I am pleased to announce the option of having an Assisted Living informal dispute resolution panel and also to have the opportunity to invite you to serve as a volunteer member of the Panel.

During the 2013 State of Oklahoma Legislative session, Governor Mary Fallin signed Senate Bill 592 which amended Section 1-895 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, relating to permitting assisted living facilities to participate in informal dispute resolution panels and authorizing the Oklahoma State Department of Health to appoint members to informal dispute resolution panels. The effective date is November 1, 2013.

I invite you and others to serve as members on this panel, providing experience and insight in the review of documentary evidence presented in dispute of deficiencies received during survey or complaint investigations at assisted living centers.

The Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR) panel is made up of five members:

1. A licensed administrator currently working in the assisted living industry;
2. A health professional currently working in an assisted living center;
3. Two representatives from the aging and disabled community who do not represent a state agency; and
4. A representative from the State Department of Health with experience in assisted living center surveys.

I anticipate using a rotating schedule for members with the IDR panels to be held on the second Monday of each month. There will be a mandatory one day training for panel members on October 24, 2013. Further information will be emailed to you should you be interested in serving on the panel.

Thank you for taking the time to consider being a part of this panel. Your time and service are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in serving on the panel, please mail or email your request, including your email address, by October 4, 2013, to:

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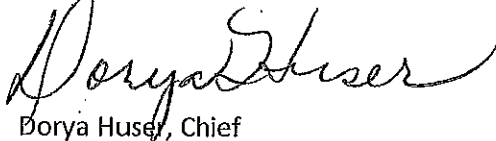
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Fax: 405 271.2206

Panel members will be notified and expected to travel to the informal dispute resolution panel location at the Oklahoma State Department of Health on the second Monday of each month beginning in November, 2013. If additional time is warranted, more days will be scheduled.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 405.271.6868 or by email at Doryah@health.ok.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorya Huser".

Dorya Huser, Chief

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