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**TO:** Facilities Licensed by the Department of Health

**FROM:** Judith M. Persichilli, R.N., B.S.N., M.A.  
Commissioner

**SUBJECT:** Waiver of Routine Third Party Inspections

On March 9, 2020 Governor Philip D. Murphy issued Executive Order 103, declaring the existence of a Public Health Emergency, pursuant to the Emergency Health Powers Act, N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq, and a State of Emergency, pursuant to the Disaster Control Act, in the State of New Jersey for Coronavirus 2019 Disease (“COVID-19”). The virus that causes COVID-19 is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety.

Because of the risk of the rapid spread of COVID-19 and the need to protect all members of the community, the Department of Health (DOH) is waiving any routine physical plant and life safety inspections required by regulation which are performed by a third party, i.e. an outside vendor. This waiver does not include needed repairs to ensure safe and effective functioning of the facilities physical plant and expires upon the termination of the Public Health Emergency declared in Executive Order 103.

This memorandum applies to the following facilities and services:

- Adult Day Health Services Facilities licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43F
- Ambulatory Care Facilities licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43A
- Assisted Living Programs licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:36
- Assisted Living Residences licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:36
- Community Support Services for Adults with Serious Mental Illness licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:37B
- Comprehensive Personal Care Homes licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:36
- Dementia Care Homes licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:37
- Home Health Agencies licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:42
- Hospices licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:42C
- Hospitals licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43G

- Licensed Community Residences for Adults with Mental Illness licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:37A
- Long-term Care Facilities licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:39
- Outpatient Mental Health Services licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:37E
- Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:161B
- Partial Care Services licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:37F
- Pediatric Medical Day Care Facilities licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43J
- Pediatric Transitional Community Homes licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43D
- Programs of Assertive Community Treatment licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:37J
- Rehabilitation Hospitals licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43H
- Residential Healthcare Facilities licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43
- Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities licensed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:161A
- Surgical Practices registered pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:43C

*Judith M. Persichillo*

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