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Subject: Adult Home Quality Improvement
Committee Requirements

Dear Adult Care Facility Administrators and Operators:

This Dear Administrator Letter (DAL) is being issued to solicit participation by regulated parties, including small businesses and businesses in rural areas, pursuant to the New York State Administrative Procedure Act.

To correspond with the amendment to Social Services Law section 461-a(2)(c), effective March 22, 2022, the Department of Health (“Department”) intends to amend Title 18 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations, sections 487.10 and 490.10, to reflect the requirement for Adult Homes and Residences for Adults to establish and incorporate quality assurance committees into each facility’s quality assurance plan to focus not only on regulatory compliance but also on infection control. Further, each facility’s quality assurance plan must reflect a periodic meeting to take place not less than every six months to review findings identified via monitoring implementation of the facility’s plan and evaluate the effectiveness of implemented corrective action as well as trends and improvement activities. The committee comprised of the facility administrator and/or operator, frontline employee representatives from each area of operation, the resident council president or other resident representative, shall not consider personally identifiable resident incidents but must meet to review and evaluate the effectiveness of each facility’s infection control plan and regulatory performance standards.

There will be a sixty-day public comment period following publication of proposed regulatory amendments in the *State Register*. The full version of the proposed rule will also be made available online at <https://regs.health.ny.gov/regulations/proposed-rule-making>. The public comment period will open and public comments will be accepted by the Department beginning on the date of publication of the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in the *State Register*.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this DAL, please write to acinfo@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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