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Dear Licensed Facility/Operator,

The purpose of this letter is to remind you of recent changes to the Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program and that funding is still available. RSS provides financial assistance to adults who have increased housing support needs due to a disability that is not severe enough to require long term care in an institution, such as a nursing home or hospital. Individuals use RSS, which *supplements* their income, to pay the monthly allowable fee (or “rent”) for accommodations, supervision, and personal care services at eligible living arrangements in the community.

Beginning October 1, 2014, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) expanded program enrollment to the community, including current residents of Adult Care Facilities (including Adult Family and Group Homes) and Adult Foster Homes. *If you provide housing to individuals who may be interested in applying for RSS, please share information about the program with those residents and/or their legal guardians.*

More information regarding the RSS Program, including application instructions and forms, are available on the OhioMHAS website at <http://mha.ohio.gov/RSS>. If you have questions about RSS and the enrollment process, please contact the Bureau of Housing Resources and Recovery Supports at [RSS@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:RSS@mha.ohio.gov) or (614) 752-9316. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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