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Dear Adult Care Facility, Adult Foster Home, and Type 1, Type 2 & Type 3 Residential Facility Provider,

Since July 1, 2011, OhioMHAS has licensed similar residential provider types under three different chapters of Ohio Administrative Code regulations. OhioMHAS has worked with licensed residential providers and other stakeholders for over two years to revise and combine its three chapters of residential rules into one chapter of rules applicable to all residential providers. The new rules maintain their focus on assuring clean, safe, comfortable, welcoming, stable and supportive environments for Ohio consumers. *Please note these updates and this memo are not applicable to substance use disorder residential treatment programs.*

Beginning January 1, 2018, all residential rules will be contained in Ohio Administrative Code OAC chapter 5122-30. You may access the new OAC chapter 5122-30 rules at this webpage, scrolling to the rules titled “Residential Rules (effective on January 1, 2018)”:

<http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=128#32641497-licensure-of-residential-facilities-5122-30>

To assist with this transition, OhioMHAS will offer a series of ten different webinar trainings, with the first session beginning October 4, 2017. The training schedule and registration link for each is enclosed with this mailing (Chart One). While most sessions are applicable to all providers, Training Session Four and Training Session Six each have an “A” and “B” session, to accommodate different residential facility licensure category types. You need only to register for the session applicable to your residential license category.

Recorded webinars will also be made available on the OhioMHAS website for those unable to attend the live webinar. Each webinar training and accompanying materials will be posted approximately one week after the live webinar concludes to the “LC Communications and Trainings” webpage located on the OhioMHAS website. The registration link for each webinar will also be posted to this webpage. The link to this webpage is:

<http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=743>

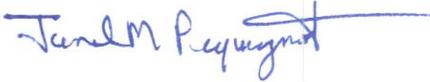
Individuals registering for webinar training sessions will need to have an e-mail account. If you do not have one, you can create a free e-mail account using Gmail, or any other service offering free e-mail accounts, such as yahoo, outlook, or AOL. Instructions for creating a free Gmail account through google are enclosed. Individuals without access to a personal computer, tablet, smartphone or similar device, should contact their local library for information on using library computers. After you create a free e-mail account, OhioMHAS encourages you to sign up for rule activity notifications at:

<http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=128#32611483-listserv>.

Included in the new rules are new residential licensure categories (license types) to replace the existing categories. Although some of the terminology will change, there is no change in the type of residential services that each license type is required by rule to provide. Please see the enclosed Chart Two to identify your new residential facility category effective January 1, 2018, and to determine whether you should register for Training Session Four A or Four B, and for Training Session Six A or Six B.

You may direct questions to [LicCert@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:LicCert@mha.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,



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