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To: Nursing Facility Administrators

Subject: Information Letter #07-10 Nursing Facility Quality Review Process for 2007

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) Quality Assurance and Improvement unit, within the Center for Policy and Innovation, is conducting its annual Nursing Facility Quality Review evaluations of resident care in nursing facilities. Formerly known as the Long Term Care Quality Review (LTCQR), this is the same process that has been conducted for the past six years as mandated by the Texas Legislature.

DADS has contracted with NACES Plus Foundation, Inc. (NACES.org) to conduct this year's evaluations of resident care in each nursing facility by Registered Nurses. NACES nurse reviewers will need access to your residents and their clinical records including charts, medication administration and treatment records, incident records, and behavior monitoring logs. As contracted agents of DADS, the NACES nurse reviewers have authorization from DADS to perform first-hand resident interviews and assessments as well as to review and obtain copies of specific clinical documents. NACES nurse reviewers and staff will follow all privacy requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Nurse reviewers will carry an identification letter that will have their name and contact information. If you need to verify a nurse reviewer is with NACES, please contact:

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For any other questions about this project, please contact Steve Ashman at (512) 438-5413 or by e-mail at [steven.ashman@dads.state.tx.us](mailto:steven.ashman@dads.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,

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