

## North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services

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- To: Mental Health Facilities Licensed Under 10A NCAC 27G. 5600(A) or 5600(C) with December 31, 2009 License Expirations
- From: Dennis W. Streets, Director Jennis W. Abreats Division of Aging and Adult Services
- Re: Special Assistance Funds and Providers Without a Valid 2010 License

The Division of Aging and Adult Services has been notified by the Division of Health Service Regulation that your facility has failed to submit an application for license renewal for 2010, and that your prior license expired on December 31, 2009. North Carolina Statute 108A-41 and NC Administrative Code 10 NCAC 71P. 0202 allow Special Assistance payments only to duly licensed facilities. A letter was mailed to you on May 8, 2009 encouraging you to submit license renewal applications by October 15, 2009, well before the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline to allow ample processing time. You were also reminded in this communication that Special Assistance funds cannot be paid for residents in an unlicensed facility.

We have identified Special Assistance recipients living in facilities with expired licenses. Effective January 1, 2010, if your facility has residents receiving Special Assistance, your facility will be required to repay the Special Assistance funds at a daily rate until either your facility is duly licensed or until the date the resident receiving Special Assistance vacates the facility. Special Assistance will be terminated for residents continuing to reside in your unlicensed facility. If we have identified Special Assistance recipients in your facility, a representative from the county department of social services from which the Special Assistance and Medicaid originates will be contacting you regarding the daily and cumulative amount of Special Assistance funds your facility owes the State and County.

If you have questions regarding your license renewal, please contact the Division of Health Service Regulation, Mental Health Licensure Section at 919-855-3795.

If you have questions regarding Special Assistance please contact the income maintenance caseworker for the resident at the appropriate county department of social services.

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cc: County departments of social services; Division of Medical Assistance (Medicaid); Division of Health Service Regulation, Adult Care Licensure Section and Mental Health Licensure Section

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