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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nursing Facilities, Interested Parties, DHS County Offices

FROM: Martina Smith, Director, Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance

DATE: May 28, 2021

RE: Advisory Memo – Reinstatement of Denial of Payment for New Admissions related to State Staffing Surveys

Effective May 30, 2021, the Governor’s public health emergency declaration will expire; thus, any state rules suspended during this time will be reinstated.

The rule related to the denial of payment for new admissions executed for staffing shortages was waived during the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency. With the emergency declaration expiring, the denial of payment for new admissions will be reinstated as a penalty for staffing shortages on June 1, 2021, and the imposed fines for staffing shortages will remain in effect until further notice.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact Melody Jones Blackwell at Melody.Jones@dhs.arkansas.gov.