June 18, 2012

HRDS Letter:  HFS2012-02

To: Nursing and Specialized Facilities License Contact Person

RE: Renewal License – Expiration Date Change

Dear Facility Contact Person:

This letter is to advise you of a change to the expiration date of your facility’s renewal license. The Nursing Home Care Act, Title 63 O.S. Section 1-1905(A)(4), was amended to allow license renewal to occur throughout the year. For licenses expiring July 31, 2012, the license expiration dates will be distributed over a period of twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months. Upon the expiration of the enclosed license, the upcoming renewal license will expire twelve (12) months from the date of issuance. We appreciate your patience and believe this change will allow Department staff to review future renewal applications more timely.

Title 63 O.S. Section 1-1905. Application of fee - Form and display of license - Renewal - Transfer of ownership or operation of facility - Conditional license - Liability of transferor - Unannounced inspections.

A. An application for a license, or renewal thereof, to operate a facility shall be accompanied by a fee of Ten Dollars ($10.00) for each bed included in the maximum bed capacity at such facility. All licenses shall be on a form prescribed by the State Commissioner of Health, which shall include, but not be limited to, the maximum bed capacity for which it is granted and the date the license was issued. The license shall:

4. Expire twelve (12) months from the date of issuance, provided an initial license shall expire one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of issuance. Licenses may be issued for a period of more than twelve (12) months, but not more than twenty-four (24) months, for the license period immediately following the effective date of this provision in order to permit an equitable distribution of license expiration dates to all months of the year.

The terms listed below have been replaced in the unofficial rules and our documents in accordance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance and Oklahoma Statutory authority. The renewal license for a “Specialized Facility for Mentally Retarded Persons” has been amended to reflect the license type as a “Specialized Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.”

1. “the Mentally Retarded;” “Mentally Retarded Persons” and “Mentally Retarded Individuals” With “Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities”
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2. “Mentally Retarded or Developmentally Disabled” With “Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Developmental Disabilities”

Additionally, the acronym “ICF/IID” replaces “ICF/MR”. Reference the Federal Register, 77 FR 29003, 29021-29022, 29028, 42 CFR Section 400.203, and Title 25 Oklahoma Statutes Section 40. These proposed amendments will be addressed in future rulemaking activity.

Our forms, laws and rules are available on our Web site at http://hfs.health.ok.gov. If you have any questions about licensure requirements, please contact any of the Health Planning Specialists at 405-271-6868 or via e-mail at HealthResources@health.ok.gov. Additionally, you may contact Darlene Simmons, Director, Health Facility Systems, at 405-271-9444, ext. 57267, or via e-mail at Darlene@health.ok.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Enc. Nursing or Specialized Facility Renewal License