



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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To: Members of the Community Interested in the:
Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Nursing Facilities (R23-17-NF)
Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Nursing Facility Receivership
(R23-17.11-NFR)

From: Raymond Rusin, Chief
Office of Facilities Regulation

Date: November 16, 2005

Attached for your review is a copy of **DRAFT** *Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Nursing Facilities*. Generally, these proposed regulations incorporate the provisions of Public Laws 05-157, 05-158, and 05-248 enacted in July 2005. Additional new language is proposed related to the use of "resident attendants" for assistance with residents' eating and hydration.

Also attached for your review is a copy of proposed new *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Nursing Facility Receivership* promulgated in accordance with Public Law 05-226 enacted on July 8, 2005.

Because of your interest, knowledge, and expertise in these matters, the Department would appreciate your review of the attached documents in preparation for an *informal* community review meeting scheduled for: **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.** in the **HEALTH POLICY FORUM** of the Cannon Building (located on the lower level).

If you have any questions about the proposed regulations, please contact me at 401-222-2566 or via e-mail: Raymond.Rusin@health.ri.gov. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you may direct your written comments to me before the meeting.

Please feel free to circulate additional copies of this document, as needed, to any interested party. Upon request, for persons with disabilities, copies of these proposed regulations are also available in Braille, large print, audio cassette, and electronic file (computer disk). Contact the Division of Health Services Regulation (401-222-1039 or RI Relay dial 711) if you need such assistance. These regulations also appear on the Department's website: www.health.ri.gov/hsr/regulations/index.php and the Secretary of State's website: www.rules.state.ri.us/rules/.

Your participation is appreciated. *Thank you.*

Attachments (2)