



DC Coalition on Long Term Care

VIA Email

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Greetings,

On behalf of the DC Coalition on Long Term Care, thank you for taking the time to meet with our group of representatives to discuss the renewal process for Home Health Aides and Certified Nursing Assistants. Your willingness to listen to our concerns and engage in a productive dialogue was greatly appreciated.

As advocates, healthcare providers, and consumers of long-term care services, we understand that you face many challenges in your work to ensure an effective regulatory framework that enables the provision of high-quality care for the District residents who need it. Our fruitful conversation has strengthened our commitment to working with you and your teams at DC Health to improve the next renewal process.

We acknowledge our shared desire for a renewal process that is transparent and manageable for most aides to complete on their own and restate our willingness to facilitate information sharing and support timely application completion as partners.

We also applaud your recognition of the importance of including a broad cross-section of aging services stakeholders in ongoing communication with your teams to advance the sustainability and efficacy of our direct care workforce in the face of an unprecedented workforce crisis.

Once the current renewal period for Home Health Aides and Certified Nursing Assistants concludes, we would value the opportunity to follow up with your team to review lessons learned, share additional insights, and support development of the next iteration of this

process. Please advise on a convenient timeframe to schedule this follow-up meeting.

Thank you again for your time and attention to this critical issue. We have included contact information for each of the meeting attendees below and look forward to future conversations.

Sincerely,

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