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Long-Term Care Regulation Provider Letter

Number: PL 2024-02 (Replaces PL 20-07)

Title: Registration with the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry

Provider Types: Assisted Living Facility, Nursing Facility

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1.0 Subject and Purpose

Texas Health and Safety Code requires all assisted living facilities (ALFs)¹ and nursing facilities (NFs)² to register with the Texas Information Referral Network at 211. ALFs and NFs must register using HHSC Form 1085 and reregister annually. The form is used to add facilities to the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR).

2.0 Policy Details & Provider Responsibilities

Providers need to register with the Texas Information Referral Network by calling 211 or by emailing the form to stear@tdem.texas.gov. Once the facility has been added to the database by initially emailing the form, providers can go to https://stear.tdem.texas.gov to create an online account for the facility and re-register annually.

3.0 Background/History

This letter was revised to update the method for submitting HHSC Form 1085

4.0 Resources

HHSC Form 1085.

¹ Section 247.0275, Texas Health and Safety Code

² Section 242.0395, Texas Health and Safety Code

5.0 Contact Information

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the LTCR Policy and Rules unit by email at LTCRPolicy@hhs.texas.gov or call (512) 438-3161.