



COMMISSIONER
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To: Nursing Facilities

Subject: **Provider Letter 13-35** – Nursing Facility (NF) Alzheimer’s Certification Period and Fee Changes

House Bill 3196, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, amended Health and Safety Code §242.040. This amendment authorized the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to provide for a three-year certification period for NFs that seek voluntary certification for the care of people who have Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders. The current one-year certification fee of \$100.00 will increase to \$300.00 for the three-year certification. Texas Administrative Code Title 40, Part 1, Chapter 19, Nursing Facility Requirements for Licensure and Medicaid Certification, is being amended to implement the change.

To coincide with the anticipated rules effective date, the implementation date for the three-year Alzheimer’s certification and \$300.00 fee is January 1, 2014. Beginning that date, DADS will process licenses in the following manner:

- DADS will charge the new fee and will issue a three-year certification once all requirements have been met for initial Alzheimer’s certification applications filed on or after January 1, 2014.
- DADS will charge the new fee and will issue a three-year certification for renewal Alzheimer’s certification applications with an effective date of January 1, 2014, or later. The new fee amount will be reflected on the preprinted renewal application payment coupon.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact a program specialist in the NF Licensure and Certification Unit at 512-438-2630.

Sincerely,

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