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DATE: August 5, 2022

SUBJECT: Essential Support Persons

Connecticut Public Act 21-17 <u>Public Act 21-17</u>, directed the Commissioner of Public Health establish a statewide policy for visitation with a long-term care facility resident. Additionally, the act directed that a long-term care facility resident, or a resident representative, may designate a primary essential support person who may visit the resident despite general visitations restrictions imposed on other visitors provided the primary or secondary essential support person comply with any rules directed in the act.

The Department is hosting an informational session on August 15, 2022, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The TEAMS meeting information is noted below. If you would like to submit questions in advance, please direct your questions to Grisel Merced at Grisel.merced@ct.gov. Please include in the Subject line: Essential Support Person. Every effort will be made to address your questions during the presentation. We look forward to seeing you on August 15th.





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