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Operations Center Memo 10-03

To: Private Providers of Residential Services

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CC: Peter O'Meara, Commissioner, Kathryn du Pree, Deputy Commissioner, Vincent O'Connell, James Welsh, Daniel Micari, Jadwiga Gocłowski, Gary Richter, Fritz Gorst, John Houchin, Mary McKay, Eugene Harvey, Timothy Baldwin, CCPA, CT Nonprofits, ARC/CT

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Re: **I-2 Code Guidance for Community Living Arrangement Development**

In 2005 new codes were issued as part of the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code, Part III, Section 401.7 and the State Building Code Sections 407.1 and the 308.3 portion of the 2003 International Building Code. These code changes affect the construction or renovation of Community Living Arrangements (CLAs) for individuals who are not capable of self preservation.

Since that time the department's Request For Proposals (RFPs) have required providers to comply with the code changes. There have been differing interpretations depending on location and the number of persons in the home who cannot self evacuate.

Effective immediately, any CLA development for 4 or more people initiated through awarded new development for a CLA or through vacating an existing CLA will be required to build or renovate to meet the I-2 small group home alternative code, or in some cases the full I-2 code when specified in an RFP. This will insure full access and availability to all potential consumers at the time of construction or as openings in the homes becomes available.

If you have any questions now or in the future please contact Fire Chief Timothy Baldwin. He can be reached at 203-586-2638, Fax 860-622-4986, email dds.firesafety@ct.gov.