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TO: SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES
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DISABLED – NURSING
INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY
DISABLE – HABILITATIVE
ALL CLINICS

SUBJECT: CENTRALIZED APPLICATIONS UNIT WEBSITE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
LICENSING & CERTIFICATION

There is a new website available to obtain Initial or Change of Ownership (CHOW) licensure/certification application forms for the following facility types:

1. Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)
2. Nursing Facilities (NF)
3. Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF)
4. Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF-DD)
5. Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled – Nursing (ICF-DDN)
6. Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled – Habilitative (ICF-DDH)
7. Primary Care Clinic/Rural Health Clinic (PCC/RHC)

The website address is: www.dhs.ca.gov/lnc/centapps

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Applications still need to be printed, completed, and sent to the Centralized Application Unit (CAU) in Licensing and Certification (L&C) Program. In addition to the website, licensing/certification applicants still have the option of contacting the Centralized Applications Unit (CAU) at 1-800-236-9747 for application forms or for any assistance in filling out the forms.

Other helpful information and links on the website are:

- The role of the CAU in the L&C Program.
- The different types of health facility applications processed by CAU and links to statutory references for those facility types.
- Links to Health and Safety Code Section 1206 that lists exemptions for clinic licensure.
- CAU's mailing address to which completed licensing and certification applications must be sent.
- Commonly asked questions and replies regarding the licensing and certification process.
- Links to the fingerprint submission information.
- CAU contact information that includes staff name, phone number and e-mail addresses.

There will be many more links added to this website in the very near future. If you have any questions, please contact Vivian Baker, Chief of CAU, at (916) 552-8666.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed by
Anna Ramirez**

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