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Good afternoon,

I am taking this opportunity to write to you regarding Komninos Law, which will go into effect May 1, 2018. The law is designed to provide additional levels of assurance and protection for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who reside in licensed settings and contracted programs funded through New Jersey Department of Human Services by Medicaid. We are taking this opportunity to advise you on several components of the law. Please note that the law applies to both residential and day services. Please note that the majority of the provisions of this law are already being fulfilled by Midland as part of our standard operating practices.

In addition to other requirements, the law contains these following expectations:

- Notification to the parent/guardian within two (2) hours of any and all injuries of an individual receiving services.
- The notification of any injury must occur within two (2) hours of its occurrence unless there are extraordinary circumstances.
- All injuries must be reported to the guardian. In those instances where the individual is their own guardian they may opt that the family not be notified.
- Concurrent with the implementation of this law, staff will be subject to random drug tests.
- Concurrent with the law, Midland will be determining whether we wish to share their contact information with other families, ie: all the families of a particular group home will be queried to determine whether they wish to share their specific contact information. Please note that this example will also apply to individuals who attend the Midland Work Center or the Midland Explores Day programs. Additionally, we will be discussing this law at an upcoming parent/guardian program meeting.

As previously noted, Midland is currently meeting many of these requirements. The State of New Jersey Department of Human Services, has announced that they will host a parent meeting and post information onto the DHS website. Additional information related to this law may be found at the following link:

<https://www.familysupportcoalition.org/resources/DDD%20quarterly%20update%2012-2017.pdf> or DDD.Communications@dhs.state.nj.us

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