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TO: Assisted Living Facility Administrators

FROM: Becky Fleming-Siebenaler, Chief Licensure Bureau

RE: Assisted Living Facility and Safety Device Rules

The Department of Public Health and Human Services adopted two rules in 2003 that affect licensure of Assisted Living Facilities. These are the rules governing use of safety devices (ARM 37.106.2901 – 37.106.2908) and the assisted living facility rules (ARM 37.106.2801-2908). Copies of both rules are located on the Internet at:

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/programsservices/assistedliving/statutesrules.shtml>

We have developed several attachments that we hope you will find helpful in implementing the safety device rules. These forms comply with the Department's rules and the underlying state statute. Their use is not mandatory. A facility may develop and use its own forms. The sample forms include:

- A handout describing the responsibilities of the assisted living facility, the resident/family, the health care practitioner, and the Department when a safety device is used.
- A handout for residents/families describing why a safety device is used and the risks associated with its use.
- An informed consent form for residents/families.

The handout, "One Daughter's Story" and the informed consent form may be copied and given to residents and families.

These forms are also available on-line at:

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/programsservices/safetydevice/index.shtml>