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Subject: Acceptable Clinical Signatures on
the Assisted Living Program Pre-
Admission Medical Evaluation

Dear Adult Care Facility Administrator:

The purpose of this Dear Administrator Letter is to confirm that, consistent with amendments made in 2025 to Social Services Law section 461-l, a new paragraph (2)(e) was added that allows an Assisted Living Program to accept a medical evaluation conducted within thirty (30) days of a prospective resident's admission to the Assisted Living Program that is signed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.

Please be advised that there are no changes to the timing requirements or expectations for completion of a medical evaluation. Additionally, the requirements of State Education Law remain unchanged, including Article 131-B which requires that medical services delivered by a physician assistant be performed under the supervision of a physician.

If you have any questions, please write to acinfo@health.ny.gov or homecare@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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