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**HEALTH**

Nirav R. Shah, M.D., M.P.H.  
Commissioner

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

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Re: Transfer of Responsibilities from NYS  
Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for  
People with Disabilities to the NY Justice Center  
for People with Special Needs

Dear Administrator:

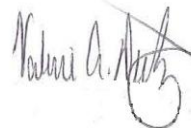
Chapter 501 of the Laws of 2012 created the New York Justice Center for People with Special Needs (“Justice Center”), which will become operational July 1, 2013. The same legislation transferred, as of that date, all responsibilities of the NYS Commission for Quality of Care and Advocacy for People with Disabilities (CQCAPD) to the Justice Center.

Effective July 1, 2013, any and all reports previously required to be submitted to the CQCAPD will be submitted to the Justice Center. This requirement pertains to all adult care facilities, although only certain adult care facilities fall under the auspices of the Justice Center for investigatory purposes.

Emergency regulations amending 18 NYCRR Sections 487 and 488 were filed on June 27, 2013 to reflect this change. Examples of reports include, but are not limited to death and crime reporting required in 18 NYCRR 487.7(d)(8) and (9).

It is the facility’s responsibility to submit required reports on time and to the correct governing entity. If you need assistance from the Justice Center or would like to contact the Center, please see their website at: <http://www.governor.ny.gov/Justice4SpecialNeeds/home> or e-mail them at: [infojusticecenter@cqc.ny.gov](mailto:infojusticecenter@cqc.ny.gov). Thank you for your cooperation with this initiative.

Sincerely,



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