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TO: ALL ADULT AND SENIOR CARE PROGRAM LICENSEES

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SUBJECT: **2021 CHAPTERED LEGISLATION AFFECTING ADULT AND SENIOR CARE FACILITIES: SUMMARY AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

PIN 21-52-ASC provides a summary of and implementation information for legislation chaptered in 2021 affecting licensed Adult and Senior Care facilities. The changes to the statutes referenced in this PIN become operative January 1, 2022.

Please distribute this PIN to persons in care and/or, if applicable, their authorized representatives.

Action Required

The following implementation information requires action by a facility licensee. Licensees should be aware that beginning January 1, 2022, CCLD intends to utilize the full spectrum of oversight and compliance activities currently available to ensure compliance with the statutes below. In addition to a citation, CDSS may take other disciplinary actions for non-compliance which may include:

- Issuing civil penalties;
- Suspending or revoking a license or certificate;
- Excluding an individual from a facility; or

- Imposing other disciplinary action as specified in the Health and Safety Code or Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

Assembly Bill (AB) 665 (Garcia), Chapter 469, Statutes of 2021

Note: *Applies to Adult Residential Facilities, Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs, Community Crisis Homes or Enhanced Behavioral Support Facilities Licensed as an Adult Residential Facility, Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill, Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly, and Social Rehabilitation Facilities.*

Care Facilities: Internet Access.

AB 665 adds Sections 1537.1, 1568.074, and 1569.319 to the Health and Safety Code to require a licensee of any adult or senior care residential facility that has internet service to provide at least one internet access device, such as a computer, smart phone, tablet, or other device, that:

- can support real-time interactive applications;
- is equipped with videoconferencing technology, including microphone and camera functions; and
- is dedicated for client or resident use.

Requirements for Providing Internet Access Device

A licensee of a residential facility must ensure the following requirements are met in providing any internet access device for client or resident use. The device must be:

- available in a manner that allows a client or resident to access it for discussion of personal or confidential information with a reasonable level of personal privacy, and made available in a manner that permits shared access among all clients or residents in the facility during reasonable hours.