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Chief Executive Officers  
Senior Medical Health Officers  
Directors of Health Protection  
Regional Licensing Managers

Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to announce the completion of the renewed ***Residential Care Regulation, B.C. Reg. 96/2009*** which was deposited on March 13, 2009 and will be brought into force on October 1, 2009. It will replace the Adult Care Regulation, B.C. 278/2005.

The Regulation represents a shift in the direction of British Columbia regulations and has been drafted in plain language to facilitate compliance and reduce regulatory burden.

The following are a few highlights of the new regulation:

- Simplified and updated style, layout and language;
- Consolidation of all residential care requirements into one regulation;
- Increased protections of the health, safety, and dignity of persons in care including fall prevention planning and assessment of wandering risk;
- Greater transparency (upon admission) regarding fees/charges that persons will be responsible for and how to make complaints; and
- Increased flexibility and outcomes-based focus.

Consequential amendments have also been made to the Child Care Licensing Regulation, (Reg 95/2009) and will also be effective October 1, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Bedford, at (250) 952-1442, or email her at [sue.bedford@gov.bc.ca](mailto:sue.bedford@gov.bc.ca).

Yours sincerely,

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