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**June 7, 2007**

**TIME SENSITIVE –** YOUR RESPONSE BY **JUNE 15** IS APPRECIATED

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Washington Skilled Nursing Facility Providers

FROM: Gary Weeks, Executive Director
Washington Health Care Association

RE: LTC Task Force Seeks Feedback on SNF Laws and Regulations

We need your help informing the work of the Governor's Task Force on Long Term Care. Specifically, the task force is seeking feedback about regulations and laws that:

- Prevent an individual from aging in place due to care needs/preferences changing; and/or
- Increase costs with no improvement in resident care and safety.

This area of inquiry is being pursued because of the on-going assertion by long term care providers that there are regulations and laws that drive cost without direct benefit to residents. Additionally, the task force is interested in responding to family member concerns about current barriers to aging in place. To that end, we are seeking your response to the attached survey.

Unfortunately, we are working on a short timeline. Please complete the attached survey (use additional pages as necessary) and return the information by June 15, 2007 to Lauri St. Ours at the WHCA office via fax, 360-754-2412.

**The Task Force is interested in specific information – and in addition to problem identification, is seeking recommendations for addressing those issues. Any and all laws/regulations impacting your operation should be contemplated as you consider and respond to the attached survey.**

If you have questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact Lauri directly at 1-800-562-6170.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Washington Health Care Association
Skilled Nursing Facility Member Survey

Please return via fax to 360-754-2412 by June 15, 2007

**Nursing Home RCWs/WACs that Increase Costs or Limit Aging in Place**

Facility Name:

Contact Person: Phone: E-Mail:

| RCW/WAC citation | Summary of Law/Regulation | Problems with the Law/Regulation | Recommended Changes |
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