ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of Delaware issued a State of Emergency due to the public health threat of COVID-19, which took effect on March 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. E.D.T; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Governor of Delaware issued the First Amended Modification to the State of Emergency authorizing the Delaware Emergency Management Agency and Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health to take “such other measures as they deem necessary to protect the health and safety of the public”; and

WHEREAS, long term care facilities in Delaware have been especially susceptible to COVID-19 infection; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Governor of Delaware issued the Eighth Modification to the State of Emergency, which authorized the Public Health Authority to make, amend and rescind orders, rules and regulations under Title 16 necessary for
emergency management purposes:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Molly K. Magarik, Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services, pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, do hereby declare that this Order shall be effective as of October 1, 2020 at 5 p.m. E.D.T., and shall remain in effect until further notice but not later than such time as the later of the Governor’s Declaration of Public Health Emergency or Declaration of a State of Emergency (including Modifications) is lifted:

1. All staff at nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, rest residential facilities, and intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities must complete trainings developed by the Department of Health and Social Services by October 15, 2020. Future trainings developed by the Department of Health and Social Services must be completed within 2-weeks of issuance and distribution to facilities or as otherwise noted.

APPROVED this 1st day of October 2020 at 5 p.m., E.D.T.

DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Molly K. Magarik, Secretary