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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Nursing Facilities; ICFs/MR 16 Bed & Over; HDCs;
 ICFs/MR Under 16 Beds; ALF Level I; ALF Level II;
 RCFs; Adult Day Cares; Adult Day Health Cares;
 Post-Acute Head Injury Facilities; Interested Parties;
 DHS County Offices

FROM: Carol Shockley, Director, Office of Long Term Care

DATE: July 22, 2011

RE: Regulation Memo - Amendment to Section 801 of the Assisted Living Regulations - Universal Workers in Alzheimer's Special Care Units

The Office of Long Term Care has amended Section 801 of the Assisted Living Facility regulations for both Level I and Level II. The change permits Alzheimer's Special Care Units (ASCUs) located in Assisted Living Facilities to utilize *universal workers*. The term *universal workers* refers to certified or licensed personnel who, in addition to providing direct care, also perform laundry, meal preparation, and housekeeping. **The new regulations are effective August 1, 2011.**

The new regulations may be downloaded from the Office of Long Term Care web site at:

<http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dms/Pages/oltcRegulations.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Scoggins at 501-682-6970.

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