



COMMISSIONER
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To: Licensed Nursing Facilities

Subject: **Provider Letter 12-33** – Licensure Period Changes

Senate Bill (SB) 7, 82nd Texas Legislature, First Called Session, 2011, amended Health and Safety Code §242.033(d) by extending the nursing facility licensure period from two years to three years.

The three-year renewal process will begin on September 1, 2013; however, Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) will stagger three-year renewals by implementing the following procedures. For a license that expires during the period September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014, DADS will:

- issue a three-year renewal license to a facility with a facility identification number ending in an odd digit; and
- issue a two-year renewal license to a facility with a facility identification number ending in an even digit. The license renewal fee for the two-year licenses will be two-thirds of the amount of the three-year license renewal fee.

For a license that expires after August 31, 2014, DADS will issue a three-year renewal license.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact a Regulatory Services policy specialist at (512) 438-3161.

Sincerely,

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