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To: Those facilities, providers, and state agencies required to screen staff under the Long Term Care Security Act as defined at [63 O.S. 1-1945](#), which includes nursing, specialized residential care adult day care, assisted living and continuum of care facilities; home health and hospice providers.

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Subject: **Employment Screening under the Long Term Care Security Act, 63 O.S. § 1-1944 et seq.**

We are experiencing some disruption across our network of fingerprinting sites. OK-SCREEN continues to provide real-time responses on nurse aide registry certification status, exclusion registry status, and any pre-existing criminal history monitoring. Fingerprint scheduling is still available but there will be intermittent site availability.

In the interim, pursuant to rule at OAC 31:2-29-3(d), in order to avoid delays in facility and agency hiring, OK-Screen is waiving the ten (10) day window for submission of fingerprints on applicants requiring fingerprinting. Providers and agencies are still required to complete or update the applicant profile in OK-SCREEN and the registry pre-screening process, checking all applicable exclusion registries (nurse aide abuse, sex offender, exclusion, child care restricted, etc.).

Name based background checks will be completed by OK-Screen staff based on the information submitted in the application. During this time, applicants can be provisionally hired pending the background review process.

If you have questions please contact our office via OKSCREEN@health.ok.gov.

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