



Date: August 7, 2017

To: All Providers Who Use the Employee Misconduct Registry

Subject: Provider Letter No. 17-23 – All Providers Are Required To Redo Employee Misconduct Registry (EMR) Searches Conducted From June 9, 2017, through July 27, 2017

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) is notifying providers about a delay in uploading names to the EMR during the period of June 9, 2017, through July 27, 2017. While the system is now fully updated, this delay might have produced erroneous results from the *Employability Status Check Search* system.

DADS is directing providers to immediately redo all EMR searches conducted during this two-month period to verify the employability of any individuals they have hired. If a search result now shows that an individual is listed in the EMR, then the individual is not eligible to continue employment in a DADS-regulated facility or agency or any facility or agency governed by [Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 253](#). Every provider must maintain a copy of the results of each search in the facility's or individual employer's books and records.

The *Employability Status Check Search* system consolidates the checks of the Nurse Aide Registry, Medication Aide Registry and Employee Misconduct Registry. Therefore, providers will have to redo every EMR search that was conducted between June 9, 2017, and July 27, 2017, using the [Employability Status Check website](#).

We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause. If you have any questions, please contact the Professional Credentialing Enforcement Unit at 512-438-5495.

Sincerely,

[signature on file]

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Regulatory Services