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Statement of the Connecticut Association of Healthcare Facilities and the Connecticut Center for Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL) and LeadingAge Connecticut:

COMPASSIONATE CARE AND VISITATION REVISIONS AND NURSING HOME TESTING MANDATE

The two nursing home associations today affirmed their support for both the state and federal nursing home Covid-19 testing mandates and applauded the announcement of an expanded state testing program that will ensure continuous Covid-19 testing of nursing home staff. We agree that all nursing home providers must strive to be in full compliance with this public health mandate.

The pandemic is not over and we understand the stress that the current visitor restrictions have had on residents and families. We appreciate the support that nursing home residents and staff have received from the state with regard to virtual and outdoor visiting, and now welcome the guidance on compassionate care visits. Nursing home providers keenly understand the critical connection between visits from loved ones in nursing homes and the overall health and well-being of residents. We are all striving for the time when we can return to indoor visitation, but we also know that it must be done with care and caution and mindful of the public health and safety of all nursing home residents and staff.

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