

Sample Email to Copy and Send to the NJ Department of Health  
New CMS Guidelines

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Dear Commissioner Persichilli,

As a family member of a loved one residing in a New Jersey long-term care facility, I have waited for over 18 months for visitation to be restored in a manner that is unimpeded by inconsistent "guidelines" and that recognizes the importance of my role as a caregiver to the physical and emotional health of my loved one with dementia.

The CMS guidelines issued on November 12 stating that "**Visitation is now allowed for all residents at all times**" is what I have been waiting for to end the anguish of continued isolation.

I am asking that you implement the new CMS guidelines in New Jersey immediately by amending the current Executive Directive on Visitation Protocols and the Mandatory Guidelines for Visitors and Facility Staff in a manner that ensures consistency and oversight.

I believe that these new CMS guidelines will bring an end to the impact of isolation. Have waited far too long for this heartache to end.

Thank you,

Name  
TOWN, NJ