**Section 270.404 Access to and Use of the Registry**

a) The following State agencies and entities are to obtain credentials from the Department of Public Health in order to have access to the Registry:

1) the Department;

2) the Department of Healthcare and Family Services;

3) the Department of Human Services;

4) the Department of Public Health; and

5) any entity or provider agencies of direct care that are licensed, certified or regulated by or paid with public funds from any of these State agencies.

b) Direct care agencies cannot retain, hire, compensate either directly or on behalf of a participant, or utilize the services of a caregiver to provide direct care if the online check indicates that the name of that caregiver has been placed on the Registry or when the direct care agency otherwise gains knowledge of the placement on the Registry.

c) Direct care agencies are to conduct an online check:

1) prior to hiring a caregiver to determine whether the caregiver's identity has been placed on the Registry; and

2) on an annual basis for purposes of retention.

d) Direct care agencies are to maintain a copy of the results of the online check to demonstrate compliance.

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