

**Long-term Care Criminal History and Background Search Consent and Disclosure Form**  
**Connecticut Department of Public Health, Long-Term Care Background Search Program**  
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Health Facility or Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1 – Consent to Conduct Criminal History and Background Search**

As a condition of being considered for direct patient or resident access positions in long-term care:

- I hereby consent to and authorize the health facility/agency to conduct a criminal history and background search that includes a search of state and federal registries and databases, in addition to a fingerprint-based search of state and federal criminal history records. I understand that this consent extends to the release and sharing of such information with the Connecticut Department of Public Health (Department), Connecticut State Police, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. I hereby release the Department from any and all liabilities, claims or lawsuits in regards to the use of information obtained from any and all sources used.
- I hereby authorize the release of any relevant information to the health facility/agency to be used to conduct the criminal history and background search as required under Section 19a-491c (copy attached) of Connecticut's General Statutes (C.G.S.), Criminal History and Patient Abuse Background Search Program.
- I understand that the health facility/agency may terminate the criminal history and background search or decide not to hire or contract with me at any stage of the process.
- I agree to provide the information necessary to conduct the required criminal history and background search.
- I understand that the Department, Connecticut State Police, and health care facility/agency may receive additional and ongoing criminal history information related to me subsequent to the initial fingerprint-based criminal history record search.

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**Part 2 – This applicant information is required to process a complete and accurate criminal history and background search, as required under C.G.S. Section 19a-491c.**

Last Name	
First Name	
Middle Name	
Suffix	
Maiden or Other Name(s)	
Social Security Number	<input type="checkbox"/> This is an ITIN
Date of Birth	
<i>Permanent Address</i>	
Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
<i>Mailing Address (if different)</i>	
Street Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Telephone Number	<input type="checkbox"/> mobile <input type="checkbox"/> home <input type="checkbox"/> work
Secondary Telephone Number	<input type="checkbox"/> mobile <input type="checkbox"/> home <input type="checkbox"/> work
Email Address	

List all residences you have lived at during the past three years:

City	State	Country	Year From (MM/DD/YYYY)	Year To (MM/DD/YYYY)



Have you ever had an administrative finding of abuse, neglect or theft? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, in what state and year was this finding issued:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Part 4 – Conditional Employment**

If the health facility/agency determines it necessary to employ or utilize my services conditionally pending the results of the state and federal criminal history record search, I understand that if the criminal history record search reveals a disqualifying conviction, I will have the opportunity to seek a waiver of disqualifying conviction as specified in C.G.S. Section 19a-491c. But if a waiver is not obtained, my employment or direct access services will be terminated for good cause.

**Part 5 – Applicant Rights**

- I understand that my fingerprints, if obtained, will be submitted to the Connecticut State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation in order to search relevant state and federal criminal record databases.
- I understand that the Department will provide me with a copy of any disqualifying record information found on any of the relevant registries or criminal record databases.
- I understand that if I believe the results of any disqualifying information found on any relevant registry or criminal record database is not accurate, it is my responsibility to contact the agency that maintains the registry or database to correct the information. For example, should I believe there is an inaccuracy in the criminal history record results, I understand that such inaccuracy may only be challenged with the relevant law enforcement agency pursuant to C.G.S. Section 54-142I.
- I understand that I may file a waiver request with the Department for waiver of a disqualifying conviction as specified in C.G.S. Section 19a-491c.

I certify that the above is true and correct and give my consent for my name to appear on the Department’s Health Care Worker Registry with the results of my criminal history records search.

I affirm that I have not committed a disqualifying offense, and acknowledge that a disqualifying offense reported in the background search, required by C.G.S. Section 19a-491c, shall constitute good cause for termination, and a long-term care facility will terminate me if a disqualifying offense is reported in said criminal history record search if a waiver is not obtained.

Applicant’s Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*A copy of this executed form must be kept in each applicant’s personnel file.*

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CHAPTER 368v:

HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS

Sec. 19a-491c. Criminal history and patient abuse background search program.  
Regulations.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Criminal history and patient abuse background search" or "background search" means (A) a review of the registry of nurse's aides maintained by the Department of Public Health pursuant to section 20-102bb, (B) checks of state and national criminal history records conducted in accordance with section 29-17a, and (C) a review of any other registry specified by the Department of Public Health which the department deems necessary for the administration of a background search program.

(2) "Direct access" means physical access to a patient or resident of a long-term care facility that affords an individual with the opportunity to commit abuse or neglect against or misappropriate the property of a patient or resident.

(3) "Disqualifying offense" means a conviction of any crime described in 42 USC 1320a-7(a)(1), (2), (3) or (4) or a substantiated finding of neglect, abuse or misappropriation of property by a state or federal agency pursuant to an investigation conducted in accordance with 42 USC 1395i-3(g)(1)(C) or 42 USC 1396r(g)(1)(C).

(4) "Long-term care facility" means any facility, agency or provider that is a nursing home, as defined in section 19a-521, a residential care home, as defined in section 19a-521, a home health agency, as defined in section 19a-490, an assisted living services agency, as defined in section 19a-490, an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities, as defined in 42 USC 1396d(d), a chronic disease hospital, as defined in section 19a-550, or an agency providing hospice care which is licensed to provide such care by the Department of Public Health or certified to provide such care pursuant to 42 USC 1395x.

(b) (1) On or before July 1, 2012, the Department of Public Health shall create and implement a criminal history and patient abuse background search program, within available appropriations, in order to facilitate the performance, processing and analysis of the criminal history and patient abuse background search of individuals who have direct access.

(2) The Department of Public Health shall develop a plan to implement the criminal history and patient abuse background search program, in accordance with this section. In developing such plan, the department shall (A) consult with the Commissioners of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Developmental Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Social Services and Consumer Protection, or their designees, the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, or a designee, the chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or a designee, a representative of each category of long-term care facility and representatives from any other agency or organization the Commissioner of Public Health deems appropriate, (B) evaluate factors including, but not limited to, the administrative and fiscal impact of components of the program on state agencies and long-term care facilities, background check procedures currently used by long-term care facilities, federal requirements pursuant to Section 6201 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to time, and the effect of full and provisional pardons on employment, and (C) outline (i) an integrated process with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to cross-check and periodically update criminal information collected in criminal databases, (ii) a process by which individuals with disqualifying offenses can apply for a waiver, and (iii) the structure of an Internet-based portal to streamline the criminal history and patient abuse background search program. The Department of Public Health shall submit such plan, including a recommendation as to whether homemaker-companion agencies should be included in the scope of the background search program, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging, appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, not later than February 1, 2012.

(c) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, each long-term care facility, prior to extending an offer of employment to, or entering into a contract for, the provision of long-term care services with any individual who will have direct access, or prior to allowing any individual to begin volunteering at such long-term care facility when the long-term care facility reasonably expects such volunteer will regularly perform duties that are substantially similar to those of an employee with direct access, shall require that such individual submit to a background search. The Department of Public Health shall prescribe the manner by which (A) long-term care facilities perform the review of (i) the registry of nurse's aides maintained by the department pursuant to section 20-102bb, and (ii) any other registry specified by the department, including requiring long-term care facilities to report the results of such review to the department, and (B) individuals submit to state and national criminal history records checks, including requiring the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to report the results of such checks to the Department of Public Health.

(2) No long-term care facility shall be required to comply with the provisions of this subsection if the individual provides evidence to the long-term care facility that such individual submitted to a background search conducted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection not more than three years immediately preceding the date such individual applies for

employment, seeks to enter into a contract or begins volunteering with the long-term care facility and that the prior background search confirmed that the individual did not have a disqualifying offense.

(d) (1) The Department of Public Health shall review all reports provided to the department pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. If any such report contains evidence indicating that an individual has a disqualifying offense, the department shall provide notice to the individual and the long-term care facility indicating the disqualifying offense and providing the individual with the opportunity to file a request for a waiver pursuant to subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection.

(2) An individual may file a written request for a waiver with the department not later than thirty days after the date the department mails notice to the individual pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. The department shall mail a written determination indicating whether the department shall grant a waiver pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection not later than fifteen business days after the department receives the written request from the individual, except that said time period shall not apply to any request for a waiver in which an individual challenges the accuracy of the information obtained from the background search.

(3) The department may grant a waiver from the provisions of subsection (e) of this section to an individual who identifies mitigating circumstances surrounding the disqualifying offense, including (A) inaccuracy in the information obtained from the background search, (B) lack of a relationship between the disqualifying offense and the position for which the individual has applied, (C) evidence that the individual has pursued or achieved rehabilitation with regard to the disqualifying offense, or (D) that substantial time has elapsed since committing the disqualifying offense. The department and its employees shall be immune from liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed, for good faith conduct in granting waivers pursuant to this subdivision.

(4) After completing a review pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the department shall notify in writing the long-term care facility to which the individual has applied for employment or with which the individual seeks to enter into a contract or volunteer (A) of any disqualifying offense and any information the individual provided to the department regarding mitigating circumstances surrounding such offense, or of the lack of a disqualifying offense, and (B) whether the department granted a waiver pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 46a-80, no long-term care facility shall employ an individual required to submit to a background search, contract with any such individual to provide long-term care services or allow such individual to volunteer if the long-term care facility receives notice from the department that the individual has a disqualifying offense in the individual's background search and the department has not granted a waiver pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (d) of this section. A long-term care facility may, but is not obligated to, employ, enter into a contract with or allow to volunteer an individual who was granted a waiver pursuant to said subdivision (3).

(f) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, a long-term care facility shall not employ, enter into a contract with or allow to volunteer any individual required to submit to a background search until the long-term care facility receives notice from the Department of Public Health pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (d) of this section.

(2) A long-term care facility may employ, enter into a contract with or allow to volunteer an individual required to submit to a background search on a conditional basis before the long-term care facility receives notice from the department that such individual does not have a disqualifying offense, provided: (A) The employment or contractual or volunteer period on a conditional basis shall last not more than sixty days, (B) the long-term care facility has begun the review required under subsection (c) of this section and the individual has submitted to checks pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, (C) the individual is subject to direct, on-site supervision during the course of such conditional employment or contractual or volunteer period, and (D) the individual, in a signed statement (i) affirms that the individual has not committed a disqualifying offense, and (ii) acknowledges that a disqualifying offense reported in the background search required by subsection (c) of this section shall constitute good cause for termination and a long-term care facility may terminate the individual if a disqualifying offense is reported in said background search.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the department may phase in implementation of the criminal history and patient abuse background search program by category of long-term care facility. No long-term care facility shall be required to comply with the provisions of subsections (c), (e) and (f) of this section until the date notice is published by the Commissioner of Public Health in the Connecticut Law Journal indicating that the commissioner is implementing the criminal history and patient abuse background search program for the category of such long-term care facility.

(h) The department shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section. The department may implement policies and procedures consistent with the provisions of this section while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures as regulation, provided notice of intention to adopt regulations is printed in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days after the date of implementation. Such policies and procedures shall be valid until the time final regulations are effective.