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RE: NURSE AIDE REGISTRY Notice of Revocation Nurse Aide Certification Certification No.: NA 216750

OPC No.: 18-11436

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, under authority of federal law, imposes a requirement on state governments to ensure that nurse aides have the education and clinical skills necessary to care for residents of long term care facilities. See 42 C.F.R. Part 483. Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 483.156 and N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.7, the State of New Jersey maintains a nurse aide registry which contains all substantiated findings by the State of resident abuse, resident neglect, or misappropriation of resident property by a certified nurse aide.

The Certification Program of the New Jersey State Department of Health (Department) was notified of the results of an investigation in which sufficient information was obtained to substantiate charges of abuse, neglect and mistreatment of a nursing home resident committed by you on or about November 30, 2017, while you were employed as a certified nurse aide at Elmora Hills Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

On March 14, 2018, you were sent a Notice of Right to Hearing prior to having a finding of abuse and neglect placed next to your name on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry (Registry). The Notice was sent to your address of record listed on the Registry as 240 Washington Street in Carteret, New Jersey via First Class and Certified Mail. The Certified Mail was unclaimed and the First Class Mail was not returned to the Department. The Notice advised you that you had 30 days to request a hearing to contest the charge against you. This office received no such request within the prescribed time. If you moved, it is your responsibility to notify the Registry and the Criminal Background Investigation Unit of your new address.

Therefore, in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 483.156(c)(iv), please be advised that a finding of

abuse and neglect was placed next to your name on the Registry on May 3, 2018.

Please surrender your nurse aide certificate and wallet card to:

Office of Program Compliance 25 S. Stockton Street, 2nd Floor P O Box 358 Trenton, NJ 08625-0358

The certificate and the wallet card are no longer valid and the status of your nurse aide certification is now revoked.

Please be advised that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.1(a)(1), only individuals who maintain a currently valid nurse aide certificate and are registered in good standing on the Registry are considered by the Department to be competent to work as a certified nurse aide in a licensed long term care facility. A certified nurse aide is no longer registered in good standing if a finding of abuse, neglect or misappropriation by the certified nurse aide is included on the Registry. Therefore, as long as a finding of abuse and neglect remains next to your name on the Registry, you are prohibited from employment as a certified nurse aide in a licensed long term care facility.

In accordance with 42 <u>C.F.R.</u> 483.156 and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:39-43.7, you are entitled to submit a written statement contesting the findings noted above. This statement will be maintained on the Registry. If you wish to submit such a written statement, you must do so within 20 days of the date of this letter. Your letter should reference "Notice of Revocation of Nurse Aide Certificate: Contested Findings." Please forward this statement to the Office of Program Compliance-Reporting along with your nurse aide certificate and your nurse aide wallet card to the address listed above.

Sincerely,

Lisa King, Regulatory Officer

Office of Program Compliance

Division of Certificate of Need & Licensing

Department of Health

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DATE: May 3, 2018

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