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Notice of Revocation of Nurse Aide Certification NA: 200024682

OPC No: 17-114

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. These regulations also require that each State maintain a nurse aide Registry, which, pursuant to 42 CFR 483.156(c)(1)(iv), must contain all substantiated findings by the State of resident mistreatment, abuse, 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 there was sufficient information that you abused and mistreated a nursing home resident. This occurred on or about April 5, 2017, while you were employed as a certified nurse aide at Arbors Care Center, Toms River, New Jersey.

Specifically, you were charged with assault upon an institutionalized elderly person residing at Arbors Care Center by committing simple assault, attempting to cause or purposely knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury upon Resident RR, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1D (a fourth degree crime); and, falsifying a writing or record with the purpose to deceive another or conceal any wrongdoing in violation of N.J.S. A. 2C:21-4A (a fourth degree crime) that occurred on or about April 5, 2017, while you were employed as a certified nurse aide.

On May 2, 2018, an order of Summary Suspension was sent to the address of record on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry (Registry), via UPS next day and first class mail. The first class mail letter was not returned to this office, and UPS tracking affirmed that the letter was also delivered on May 4, 2018. The letter and Summary Suspension order indicated that you had thirty (30) days from date of receipt of the notice to request an expedited hearing. You did not request an expedited hearing and your certification remains suspended.

Subsequently, on June 25, 2018, you were sent a Right to Hearing letter advising you of the Department's intent to place a finding of Abuse next to your name on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry (Registry), and to revoke your certification. At that time, you were notified that

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you had 30 days to request a hearing to contest the charges against you. This office received no such request within the prescribed time.

If you moved, it is your responsibility to notify the Nurse Aide Registry and the Criminal Background Investigation Unit of your new address.

Therefore, in accordance with 42 CFR 483.156(c)(1)(iv), please be advised that a finding of Abuse will be placed next to your name on the Registry on August 1, 2018, and will remain on the Registry permanently. Please also be advised that your certification is revoked.

Please surrender your nurse aide certificate and wallet card to:

Office of Program Compliance-Reporting 25 South Stockton Street, 2nd Floor PO 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 no 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 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 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 certification and your nurse aide wallet card to the address listed above.

Sincerely,

Gene Rosenblum, Director
Office of Program Compliance

Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing

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DATE: August 1, 2018

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