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: Notice of Revocation
: of Nurse Aide Certification

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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 (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 Department alleges the following:

1. You are listed on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry # NA 8594841.
2. On July 12, 2017, the Department sent you notification that your nurse aide certification had been summarily suspended because credible evidence existed that while working as a Certified Nurse Aide at Alaris Health at Hamilton Park located in Jersey City, New Jersey, you were arrested by the Bergenfield Police Department for possession of controlled dangerous substances, possession of drug paraphernalia and 4 motor vehicle violations. During the June 11, 2017 police motor vehicle stop, numerous checks were found which belonged to a resident at Alaris. The checks were made out to you or "cash" and were for large sums of money, including \$10,800.00, \$8,500.00, and \$6,000.00. Additionally, you were found in possession of \$4,546.00 in cash and you alleged that the cash and checks were for payment for caring for the resident. You failed to request a hearing within 30 days as was indicated in the Notice of Summary Suspension.
3. On September 12, 2018 the Department received notification from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General, that on July 16, 2018, you voluntarily pled guilty to Theft By Unlawful Taking-Movable Property (N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3(a)).
4. On July 16, 2018, you admitted to filling out three checks that belonged to the victim, between the dates of April 10, through April 29, 2017. You also admitted to signing the checks as if you were the victim and you received money from the checks by making it appear that the victim had signed

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5. the checks. You admitted that you did not have a right to and did not have permission to obtain the money that was obtained from those checks.
6. The plea agreement also indicated that you must pay \$34,100.00 restitution to the victim.
7. Therefore, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.5, which states that "[a] certificate issued to a nurse aide in accordance with this subchapter shall be revoked in the following cases: . . . [c]onviction or guilty plea as specified at N.J.A.C. 8:39-9.3(b)," your nurse aide certificate has been revoked. Accordingly, you are no longer permitted to work as a certified nurse aide and a finding of misappropriation has been placed next to your name on the registry. You are listed as "Revoked" on the registry. The registry listing can be accessed via the web at <https://njna.psiexams.com>.

Please surrender your nurse aide certificate and nurse aide wallet card to:

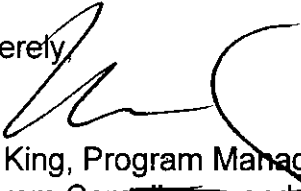
Office of Program Compliance-Reporting
25 S. Stockton Street
P O Box 358
Trenton, NJ 08625-0358

The certificate and the wallet card are no longer valid.

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, assisted living facility and other licensed health care facility or agency. A certified nurse aide is no longer registered in good standing if a finding of misappropriation by the certified nurse aide is included on the registry.

Therefore, as long as a finding of misappropriation remains next to your name on the registry, you are prohibited from employment as a certified nurse aide and from caring for residents and patients in a licensed long term care facility, assisted living facility or other licensed health care facility or agency. In accordance with 42 C.F.R. 483.156 and N.J.A.C. 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 along with your certificate and your wallet card to my attention at the address listed above.

Sincerely,



Lisa King, Program Manager
Program Compliance and Health Care Financing
Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing