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Notice of Revocation of Nurse Aide Certificate

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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 (42 <u>C.F.R.</u> Part 483, et al.) to ensure that nurse aides have the education and clinical skills necessary to care for residents of long term care facilities. These regulations also require that each State maintain a nurse aide Registry, which pursuant to 42 <u>C.F.R.</u> 483.156(c)(1)(iv), must contain all substantiated findings by the State of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of resident property by a certified nurse aide.

The Office of Program Compliance of the New Jersey State Department of Health ("Department") was notified of the results of an investigation conducted by a representative of Preakness Healthcare Center, Wayne, New Jersey in which sufficient information was obtained to substantiate charges of abuse and neglect committed by you on August 29, 2017, while you were employed at Preakness Healthcare Center, Wayne, New Jersey.

On September 15, 2017, you were notified by the Department advising you that your nurse aide certification was Summarily Suspended and no longer valid for the reasons set forth in the Summary Suspension.

You timely requested an emergent hearing on October 5, 2017 and then filed a request for a full plenary hearing was which was received on May 3, 2018. Both matters were consolidated and assigned to The Honorable Joann LaSala Candido, A.L.J.

On September 17, 2018, the Department received notification from the Passaic County Prosecutor that you entered into Pretrial Intervention ("PTI") for the charge of assault in the fourth degree.

N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1d. Additional conditions of PTI indicated that the "defendant must forfeit CNA license" and that the defendant cannot reapply for the certification of "Nurse Aide."

Based on the aforementioned, the Department has revoked your nurse aide certification on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry. This is a permanent revocation. Please forwarded your nurse aide certificate and nurse aide wallet card, as they are no longer valid.

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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 statement, you must do so within 20 days of receipt of this letter. Your letter should reference "Notice of Revocation of Nurse Aide Certificate." Please mail this statement to:

Office of Program Compliance-Reporting P O Box 358 2nd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625-0358

<u>Please be advised that the status of your certification on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry is revoked and will remain revoked permanently.</u>

Sincerely

Lisa King, Regulatory Officer
Office of Program Compliance

Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing

New Jersey Department of Health

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Date: September 25, 2018

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