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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 (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)(iv), must contain 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 conducted by a representative of JFK Hartwyck at Edison Estates in which sufficient information was obtained to substantiate charges of verbal and mental abuse committed by you on August 27, 2017 while you were employed at JFK Hartwyck at Edison Estates.

Subsequently, on November 19, 2018 a hearing was conducted to determine if you abused a resident while employed at the above facility. On January 22, 2019, the Administrative Law Judge, JoAnn LaSala Candido, issued an Initial Decision concluding that the Department had met its burden of proving that your actions rose to the level of abuse as defined in 42 <u>C.F.R.</u> 488.301 and ordered that the finding of abuse be placed on the registry and that your nurse aide certification be permanently revoked. On March 7, 2019, the Commissioner of the Department issued a Final Agency Decision adopting the administrative law judge's findings of fact and conclusions of law that you committed an act of abuse against a nursing home resident. Pursuant to the Final Agency Decision, the Commissioner ordered that a finding of abuse be placed next to your name on the registry and that your certification be permantly revoked.

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

of abuse was included next to your name on the registry on March 18, 2019.

Please be advised that your nurse aide certification is revoked. 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 abuse 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 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 <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 along with your certificate and your wallet card to Lisa King at the address listed below.

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.

Sincerely,

Lisa King, Program Manager
Office of Program Compliance
Division of Certificate of Need and

Licensing

DATE: March 18, 2019

cc: Dwight P. Ransom, Esq.