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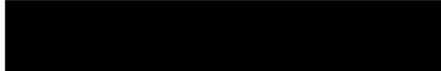
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RE: Notice of Revocation of
Nurse Aide Certification
NA 200022018
OPC No: 19-12452

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 C.F.R. 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 neglected a vulnerable resident. This occurred while you were employed as a certified nurse aide at Hamilton Grove Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Hamilton, New Jersey.

Specifically, it is alleged that while you were working as a certified nurse aide, you sexually abused a vulnerable resident entrusted to your care. Further, on August 7, 2019, you were arrested by the Hamilton Township Police Department and charged with Sexual Assault-Force/Coercion and Criminal Sexual Contact, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2C(1). Your actions were willful and constitute abuse and neglect of a resident in accordance with the federal definitions under 42 C.F.R. 483.5.

On August 8, 2019, you were sent a Notice of Summary Suspension via UPS and regular mail, to the address of record for your nurse aide certification. This notice advised you that your certification to work as a certified nurse aide was summarily suspended and would remain suspended until the Department completed its investigation of the matter. You were also informed that you could request an expedited hearing to appeal the summary suspension to the Commissioner of the Department of Health. By way of a letter dated August 26, 2019 from your attorney, Robert B. Rogers, Esq., you requested an expedited hearing in this matter.

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On January 8, 2020, the Department received a letter from your attorney indicating that you were voluntarily and permanently forfeiting your nurse aide certification. Included were your certificate and wallet card.

Therefore, in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 483.156(c)(1)(iv), please be advised that a finding of abuse will be placed next to your name on the Registry on January 21, 2020 and will remain on the Registry permanently. Please also be advised that your certification is revoked.


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 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 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 to the Office of Program Compliance-Reporting to the address listed above.

Sincerely,



Lisa King, Regulatory Officer
Office of Program Compliance
Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing
New Jersey Department of Health

LK/cb
DATE: January 21, 2020
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