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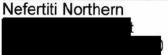
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JEFFREY A. BROWN Acting Commissioner

October 6, 2025

## VIA REGULAR AND CERTIFIED MAIL RRR



Re: Notice of Revocation for Nurse Aide Certification

Nefertiti Northern vs. New Jersey Department of Health Certification No: NA200043364 Agency Reference No. OPC 25-15068

Dear Ms. Northern:

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 committed acts of abuse and mistreatment when you provided care to a vulnerable elderly resident entrusted in your care.

The incident occurred on December 18, 2024, while you were employed as a certified nurse aide at Laurel Brook Rehabilitation and Healthcare in Mount Holly, NJ. An investigation by the facility established credible evidence that you abused and mistreated a long-term care resident when you were witnessed dragging the resident along the ground in attempts to get resident back into room. Your actions, which were witnessed, are willful and constitute abuse in accordance with the federal definitions at 42 <u>C.F.R.</u> 483.5.

The Department issued a Right to Hearing Notice on May 19, 2025. You failed to request a hearing within the allotted 30 days to contest the Right to Hearing Notice that was sent to you on May 19, 2025, by regular and certified mail. In addition, the Department has not received any evidence that you did not receive the notice.

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

You must surrender your nurse aide certificate and wallet card to:

Office of Program Compliance-Reporting 120 South Stockton Street, 3rd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625-0358

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 certified 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's name is included on the Registry. Therefore, you are prohibited from employment as a certified nurse aide and you must immediately cease acting as a certified nurse aide.

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,

Lisa King, Program Manager

Office of Program Compliance Division of

Certificate of Need and Licensing New Jersey Department of Health LK:JI Date: October 6, 2025 CERTIFIED MAIL: Return Receipt Requested US FIRST CLASS MAIL