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November 12, 2025

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RRR Karla Negron

PHILIP D. MURPHY

Governor

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Lt. Governor

Re: Notice of Revocation for Nurse Aide Certification Karla Negron vs. New Jersey Department of Health Certification No: NA200047361 Agency Reference No. OPC 25-15598

Dear Ms. Negron:

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 neglect when you failed to return a resident to their room after lunch and instead left them outside for hours on the patio.

The incident occurred on July 3, 2025, while you were employed as a certified nurse aide at Rose Garden Nursing and Rehabilitation in Toms River, New Jersey. Specifically, an investigation revealed that you neglected a long-term care resident under your supervision. You were assigned to assist residents in the Piano Dining Room during meal service, including escorting them to and from the dining area. After the resident completed her meal at around 12:50 p.m., she requested to go outside. You escorted her to the patio but failed to notify the nursing staff or the assigned CNA that she had been taken outside. At approximately 3:20 p.m., the resident was found on the patio in her wheelchair, appearing lethargic. She was subsequently transferred to the hospital, where she was admitted for dehydration and elevated troponin levels. Your actions constitute neglect in accordance with the federal definitions under 42 C.F.R. 483.5.

The Department issued a Right to Hearing Notice on October 9, 2025. Instead of requesting a hearing, you agreed to a finding of neglect to be placed next to your name on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry for a minimum of one year, at which point you will be eligible to apply for the finding of neglect to be removed in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement that was fully executed on November 12, 2025.

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

Please 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 when a finding of neglect remains next to your name on the Registry.

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:JC Date: November 12, 2025 CERTIFIED MAIL: Return Receipt Requested US FIRST CLASS MAIL