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In Re Licensure Violation:	:	
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Limecrest Subacute and Rehabilitation Center	:	NOTICE OF PARTIAL LIFTING OF
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(NJ Facility ID# NJ 61902)	:	DIRECTED PLAN OF
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TO: Sonia Velmonte, Administrator
Limcrest Subacute and Rehabilitation Center
1 O'Brien Lane
Lafayette, New Jersey 07848-1279

Dear Ms. Velmonte:

This letter confirms our telephone call this afternoon with you, during which the Department of Health (Department) notified your facility that the directed plan of correction (DPOC) requiring Limecrest Subacute and Rehabilitation Center (hereinafter, "Limecrest" or "facility") to retain the full-time services of a Consultant Administrator, Consultant Director of Nursing, and a Certified Infection Control Practitioner (ICP) consultant is partially lifted, effective immediately. The requirements of the DPOC directing your facility to hire a full-time Consultant Director of Nursing and an ICP Consultant are lifted, effective immediately.

This action is being taken based on a recommendation from Department representatives who determined that your facility has reached substantial compliance as of January 11, 2024, for deficiencies substantiated at a survey beginning on November 17, 2023.

The requirement of the DPOC directing your facility to hire a full-time Consultant Administrator remains in effect. In addition, the curtailment of admissions, with the exception of readmissions, issued on November 21, 2023, remains in effect. The curtailment and Administrator Consultant are needed due to the impending suspensions from the New Jersey Medical Assistance and Health Services Program (Medicaid program) imposed by the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller, Medicaid Fraud Division (MFD), on Limecrest and its owners.

On October 25, 2023, the State of New Jersey, Office of the State Comptroller, Medicaid Fraud Division, issued a Self-Executing Notice of Disqualification (“MFD Notice”) stating its intent to disqualify Limecrest’s owners, Chaim Scheinbaum and Louis Schwartz, from the Medicaid program and any other program administered in whole or in part by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (“DMAHS”), effective sixty (60) days from the date of the notice. Then, on December 14, 2023, MFD issued Notices of Suspension (“MFD Suspension Notices”) suspending Limecrest, and its owners, Chaim Scheinbaum and Louis Schwartz, from the Medicaid program and any other program administered in whole or in part by DMAHS, effective 100 days from the date of the suspension notice.

According to financial information provided by Limecrest to the Department of Human Services, 88% of patient days billed by Limecrest in the first calendar quarter of 2023 were billed to a Medicaid payer. Therefore, it appears that Limecrest will be unable to pay for its staff and the goods and services necessary to operate the long-term care facility when its suspension and debarment from the Medicaid program takes effect. Such failure will subject the residents of the facility to either actual harm, or an immediate and serious risk of harm, because the facility will not be able to provide its residents with necessary care and services. As a result, the Department issued Limecrest an Information Requirement Order on December 27, 2023, which sought information and documentation from the facility that demonstrated its financial ability to continue to operate its long-term care facility after March 23, 2024. In response, Limecrest only provided vague information that was wholly inadequate and failed to provide documentation evidencing its ability to remain financially viable after it is suspended and debarred from the Medicaid program.

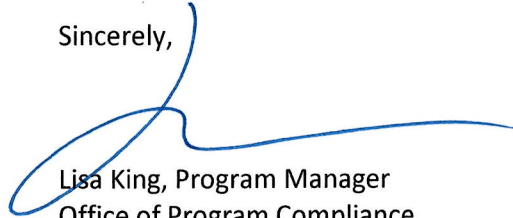
Because Limecrest’s financial viability, and consequently its ability to provide necessary care and services to its residents, is seriously threatened by its anticipated suspension and debarment, and the suspension and debarment of its owners, from the Medicaid program, on January 17, 2024, the Department issued Limecrest a Notice of Intent to Summarily Suspend its long-term care facility license.

For the reasons set forth above, and because of the Department’s ongoing concerns over the financial viability of Limecrest, the management of Limecrest, and because of the potential for either actual harm or an immediate and serious risk of harm to the residents of Limecrest, the Department orders that the curtailment of admissions, with the exception of readmissions, and the DPOC requiring Limecrest to hire a full-time Consultant Administrator shall remain in place until the facility is otherwise notified in writing by a representative of this Department.

The Department is aware that Limecrest has begun proceedings to transfer ownership of the facility, which transfer the Department approved. If the Department receives proof from Limecrest that the transfer of ownership was completed, the Department will rescind the DPOC and curtailment.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your anticipated cooperation. Should you have any questions concerning this order, please contact Lisa King, Office of Program Compliance at (609) 376-7751.

Sincerely,



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

DATE: January 17, 2024

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