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In Re Licensure Violation:

HOMESTEAD REHABILITATION &
HEALTH CARE CENTER

(NJ Facility ID# NJ61905)

ORDER LIFTING FIRE WATCH
REQUIREMENT OF
DIRECTED PLAN OF CORRECTION

TO: Ulysses Akridge, Administrator (Administrator@homesteadrhcc.com)
Homestead Rehabilitation & Health Care Center
129 Morris Turnpike
Newton, NJ 07860

On May 9, 2026, the New Jersey Department of Health (the Department) issued to Homestead Rehabilitation & Health Care Center a verbal order curtailing all admissions and readmissions to the facility, as well as a Directed Plan of Correction, due to violations identified by Department surveyors that constituted an immediate and serious risk of harm to facility residents. On May 12, 2026, the Department memorialized both verbal directives in a written order. Effective immediately, the Department is now lifting the portion of the Directed Plan of Correction that required the facility to conduct a fire watch every thirty (30) minutes, including inspection and documentation of all resident rooms, stairwells, and common areas. All other requirements remain in effect, including the curtailment of admissions and readmissions and the remaining requirements of the Directed Plan of Correction.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions concerning this order, please contact Lisa King, Office of Program Compliance, at 609-376-7890

Sincerely,

Gene Rosenblum, Director
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