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In Re Licensure Violation:

Samwell Surgical, LLC, operator of
Englewood Cliffs Surgery Center
(NJ Facility ID# 23278)

ORDER TEMPORARILY LIFTING
CURTAILMENT OF SERVICES,
FROM AUGUST 26, 2024 THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 6, 2024, FOR PURPOSES
OF ACCREDITATION SURVEY

TO: Nyla Ramsumair, Administrator
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The Health Care Facilities Planning Act (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.) (the Act) provides a statutory scheme designed to ensure that all health care facilities are of the highest quality. Pursuant to the Act and N.J.A.C. 8:43E-1.1 et seq. (General Licensure Procedures and Standards Applicable to All Licensed Facilities), the Commissioner of Health is authorized to inspect all health care facilities and to enforce the Manual of Standards for Licensing of Ambulatory Care facilities set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:43A-1.1 et seq.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2H-12, no health care service or health care facility may operate unless it has a license. In addition to possessing a license, an ambulatory care facility must also obtain ambulatory care accreditation from an accrediting body recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a condition of licensure. N.J.S.A. 26:2H-12(h). See also N.J.A.C. 8:43A-3.12(b).

On July 24, 2024, the Department issued to Samwell Surgical, LLC, a license to operate Englewood Cliffs Surgery Center. The license will expire on October 31, 2024. However, as you were notified verbally on June 25, 2024, effective immediately, the Department ordered Englewood Cliffs Surgery Center to curtail all surgical procedures and services. This enforcement action was taken because Englewood Cliffs Surgery Center's accreditation with the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. expired in 2022.

ORDER TEMPORARILY LIFTING CURTAILMENT OF SERVICES ORDER

The Department hereby orders that the curtailment of services is lifted **from August 26, 2024 through September 6, 2024**, to allow the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. to conduct an accreditation survey. Until August 26, 2024, the curtailment remains in effect, and the curtailment will resume again on September 7, 2024. Otherwise, the curtailment of services shall remain in place until the facility is otherwise notified in writing by a representative of the Department.

Please be advised that N.J.A.C. 8:43E-3.4(a)(2) provides for a penalty of \$250 per patient, per day for each patient at the facility in violation of the curtailment order from the date of such admission to the date of discharge or lifting of the curtailment order.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions concerning the curtailment order, please contact Lisa King, Office of Program Compliance, at Lisa.King@doh.nj.gov.

Sincerely,



Gene Rosenblum, Director
Office of Program Compliance
Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing

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