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Via Electronic & Overnight Mail

Barclays Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, LLC d/b/a Barclays Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center Moshe Brodt, Yaakov Dorfman, Josh Farkovits, Mendy Piller, Ephram Lahasky c/o Peter Slocum, Esq. Lowenstein Sandler One Lowenstein Drive Roseland, New Jersey 07068

RE: Notice of Claim, Notice of Withhold and Certificate of Debt Provider # NPI#:

Dear Mr. Slocum:

The New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller, Medicaid Fraud Division (MFD) hereby gives notice of the State's claim against Barclays Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, LLC d/b/a Barclays Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center and owners, Moshe Brodt, Yaakov Dorfman, Josh Farkovits, Mendy Piller and Ephram Lahasky (referred to hereinafter as "Barclays" or "you"), in the amount of **\$735,180**. An MFD audit review found that Barclays, located at 1412 Marlton Pike East, Cherry Hill, NJ, improperly submitted claims to the Medicaid program and, as a result, the Medicaid program improperly paid Barclays a total of \$367,590 that Barclays must pay back to the Medicaid program. In addition, as more fully explained below, based on the egregious nature of the conduct, MFD is assessing a civil monetary penalty of \$367,590, which brings the total amount of repayment that Barclays must make to the Medicaid program to \$735,180 (\$367,590 + \$367,590).

MFD is seeking this recovery against Barclays because it violated the minimum staffing requirement set forth in N.J.S.A. 30:13-18 and, despite that, submitted claims for payment to the Medicaid program certifying that the information contained in those claims was "true, accurate, and complete" even though the information was false, in violation of N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.8(a).

MFD found that for every day between July 1, 2023, and July 31, 2023 (31 days and 93 shifts), Barclays failed to meet state minimum staffing requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 30:13-

TAHESHA L. WAY Lt. Governor 18. MFD determined that Barclays failed to meet the minimum requirements for at least one out of the three daily shifts for every day of the month, a failure to adequately staff for 85 of 93 shifts. MFD found that, on average, Barclays provided two fewer direct care staff members per shift than legally required, which translates to Barclays having provided approximately 24 percent fewer staff than it was legally required to provide. When this average is broken down by shift, the results are as follows. Barclays staffed the day shift 23 percent below the minimum legal requirement, forcing each direct care staff member, on average, to provide care to 11 beneficiaries – 31 percent above the limit permitted by law. It staffed the evening shift 16 percent below the minimum legal requirement, forcing each direct care staff member, on average, to provide care to 12 beneficiaries – 20 percent above the limit permitted by law. Moreover, Barclays staffed the night shift 31 percent below the minimum legal requirement, forcing each direct care staff member, on average, to provide care to 21 beneficiaries – 51 percent above the limit permitted by law.

During its review, MFD also uncovered that Barclays allowed one nursing aide to continue working seven days after the expiration of her nursing aide certification, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45B-14.4, and, therefore, also excluded her time from the nursing home staffing ration calculation.

MFD is seeking to recover the funds that the Medicaid program paid to Barclays for the month of July 2023, \$367,590, because Barclays failed to meet the minimum staffing requirements for each day in July 2023 and, despite that, submitted claims to the Medicaid program certifying that it had satisfied all requirements for payment. In addition, based on the pervasiveness and significance of the deficiencies MFD found, MFD also determined that Barclays knew or should have known about these staffing shortages. Consequently, in addition to seeking a direct recovery of \$367,590, MFD also is seeking to recover a civil monetary penalty from Barclays of \$367,590.

MFD has filed a Certificate of Debt against Barclays with the Clerk of the Superior Court, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 30:4D-17(h). Please be advised that the filing of the Certificate of Debt does not affect your hearing rights as outlined in the following paragraphs. Effective upon the receipt of this letter, MFD is imposing a withhold of ten percent of Barclays's future program payments otherwise payable until the full Notice of Claim amount has been withheld, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 30:4D-17(g) and (i).

Further, because of the breadth of the staffing shortages and Barclays' failure to provide a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) within 30 days of MFD's March 25, 2025 Review Findings letter, as instructed, MFD is requiring Barclays to provide to the undersigned at MFD a monthly report that demonstrates that the facility is meeting its staffing requirements. The monthly report shall include, at a minimum, the facility's average census, the number of direct care staff physically present for each shift, and payroll information that is consistent with the listed staffing information. The monthly report must be accompanied by a signed statement under oath from an authorized representative of the facility with first-hand knowledge of the information contained therein.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4D-7(h), MFD is seeking to hold owners Moshe Brodt, Yaakov Dorfman, Josh Farkovits, Mendy Piller and Ephram Lahasky personally liable for any and all overpayments as parties "responsible for or receiving the benefit or possession" of the incorrect payments.

If you choose not to dispute these findings, you may resolve the matter by reimbursing the amount above <u>within twenty (20) days</u>. Please make the check payable to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey" and mail to:

Attn: Processing Bureau Division of Revenue 200 Woolverton Street Bldg. 20, Lockbox 656 Trenton, NJ 08646.

The check should include reference to "Barclays" and the case number, "

If you disagree with MFD's findings, you may request a hearing at the Office of Administrative Law and a pre-hearing conference by writing to Regulatory Officer **within twenty (20) days** of the date of this letter. I can be reached by mail at the address above, by telephone at **within twent** or by email at **within twent**. You may request that the meeting be held in person or by telephone. Prior to or at the pre-hearing conference, you may provide MFD with any documentation or information in your possession that you believe is relevant to the claims at issue.

A complete list of the claims and claim amounts in this matter have been provided previously. Please contact the undersigned if you need the claims data to be re-sent to you.

If neither a pre-hearing conference nor a formal hearing is requested within twenty days of receipt of this Notice, you will have waived the right to any further proceedings in this matter and this Notice will become a self-executing Default Judgement for the total amount, as well as the Final Agency Decision.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN D. WALSH ACTING STATE COMPTROLLER "

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Enclosures