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: Notice of Revocation of
: Nurse Aide Certificate

June 7, 2017

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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 (42 CFR Part 483, et al.) to ensure that nurse aides have the education and clinical skills necessary to care for residents of long term care facilities. These regulations also require that each State maintain a nurse aide registry, which, pursuant to 42 CFR 483.156(c)(1)(iv), must contain all substantiated findings by the State of resident abuse, resident neglect, or misappropriation of resident property by a certified nurse aide.

The Office of Program Compliance of the New Jersey State Department of Health (Department) was notified of the results of an investigation in which sufficient information was obtained to substantiate charges of misappropriation committed by you on multiple dates and discovered on April 12, 2017, while you were employed as a certified nurse aide at Green Hill.

Subsequently, on April 21, 2017, you were sent a Notice of Summary Suspension. At that time, you were notified that you had 30 days to request an expedited hearing to contest the charge against you.

On May 1, 2017, the Office of Program Compliance received a timely request for a hearing to contest the summary suspension. A hearing was scheduled for June 9, 2017, before the Hon. Elissa Testa, A.L.J. at the Office of Administrative Law, and on June 5, 2017, we received notice from the court that the petition for the hearing was withdrawn.

Therefore, in accordance with 42 CFR 483.156(c)(1)(iv)(D), please be advised that a finding of misappropriation was placed next to your name on the Registry on June 7, 2017, and will remain on the Registry permanently, unless the finding was made in error.

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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 nurse aide in a licensed long term care facility. A finding of misappropriation was placed next to your name on the Registry which removes a certified nurse aide from the status of good standing and therefore, as long as a finding of misappropriation is next to your name on the Registry, you are prohibited from employment as a certified nurse aide.

In accordance with the aforementioned regulations, 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:

Ms. Darlene Jackson
Office of Program Compliance
25 S. Stockton St., 2nd Floor
P.O. Box 358
Trenton NJ 08625-0358

You must immediately surrender your nurse aide certificate and your nurse aide wallet card to Ms. Darlene Jackson at the address listed above. Neither the certificate nor the wallet card are valid.

Sincerely,


Lisa King, Regulatory Officer
Program Compliance and Health Care Financing

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DATE : June 7, 2017
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