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July 19, 2017

Rita Salladino
[REDACTED]

RE: **Summary Suspension**
Rita Salladino
Certification # NA NA 8517153

Enclosed is an Order of Summary Suspension, issued under authority of N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.5(b). Specifically, it is alleged that while working at as a Certified Nurse Aide, through Home Instead Senior Care, you missappropriated funds and jewelry belonging to the family while you were providing care at a private residence in Ocean View, New Jersey.

As of your receipt of this Order, your nurse aide certification is no longer valid. However, you have thirty (30) days from the date you receive this notice to appeal this summary suspension to the Commissioner of the Department of Health, as set forth in the enclosed Order. Please review the Order carefully, as failure to submit a written request for emergency relief within 30 days from the date of receipt of this Order shall be interpreted as an acceptance of this Department's decision to summarily suspend your nurse aide certification pending completion of the investigation, thereby forfeiting all rights to emergency relief.

Should you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Lisa King in the Office of Program Compliance at (609) 984-8128.

Sincerely,


Gene Rosenblum, Director
Program Compliance and Health Care Financing
Division of Certificate of Need & Licensing
New Jersey Department of Health

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Rita Salladino
Certified Nurse Aide
Certification No. NA 8517153

) ORDER OF SUMMARY
) SUSPENSION OF NURSE AIDE

TO: Rita Salladino

TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 26:1A-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., and the provisions set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.5(b), the New Jersey Department of Health (hereinafter, "the Department") hereby

FINDS that you, Rita Salladino, Certification No. NA 8517153, are a certified nurse aide within the State of New Jersey, which certification entitles you to obtain and/or maintain employment at nursing homes and other long term care health care facilities, where your duties include the provision of direct, hand-to-hand care to elderly, often vulnerable, residents of said nursing homes and other long term care health care facilities; and the Department further

FINDS that credible evidence exists that some time between April 21, 2017 through May 1, 2017, while you were employed as a certified nurse aide at Home Instead Senior Care and were providing care at a private residence in Ocean View, New Jersey, you stole money and jewelry belonging to the family where you provided the care, and subsequently, on May 21, 2017, you were arrested and charged by the New Jersey State Police ("N.J.S.P."). The N.J.S.P. charged you with 2C:20-3(a), Theft of Movable Property and 2C:20-7.1(b), Trafficking in Stolen Property. Those charges related to you allegedly stealing a bracelet, necklace and ring from a bedroom and \$4,800.00 in cash from a locked drawer, and pawning jewelry on three separate dates and at two locations. Additionally, you confessed to stealing and pawning the jewelry. The Department further

FINDS that you pose an immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public, including residents of long term care facilities, assisted living facilities and other licensed health care facilities or agencies, including home health agencies that provide in-home care, and that you be immediately suspended from eligibility for employment as a nurse aide, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.5(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby administratively

ORDERED that your certification to work as a certified nurse aide in a long term care facility, assisted living facility and other licensed health care facility or agency, is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**, and your certification shall remain suspended until such time as the Department has completed its investigation into this matter; and it is further administratively

ORDERED that, in the interim, the Department will continue to investigate this matter. You will be notified when the Department has completed its investigation, at which time you will be advised of what action(s), if any, will be taken with respect to your nurse aide certification.

TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with the provisions set forth in N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.5(b), you have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this notice to request an expedited hearing to appeal this summary suspension to the Commissioner of the Department of Health. Any such hearing shall be conducted at the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law, and shall be conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq., and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Rules, N.J.A.C. 1:1-1 et seq. A request for an expedited hearing shall be made in writing and sent to:

Attention: OAL Expedited Hearing Requests
Office of Legal & Regulatory Compliance - Room 805
New Jersey State Department of Health
P.O. Box 360
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0360

Failure to submit a written request for emergency relief within 30 days from the date of receipt of this Order shall be interpreted as an acceptance of this Department's decision to summarily suspend your nurse aide certification pending completion of the investigation, thereby forfeiting all rights to emergency relief. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Lisa King at (609)-984-8128.

DATED: July 19th, 2017



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