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Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF:

John A. Farag  
Certified Nurse Aide  
Certification No. 200011686

) ORDER OF SUMMARY  
) SUSPENSION OF NURSE AIDE

TO: John A. Farag

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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, John A. Farag, Certification No. NA 200011686 are a certified nurse aide within the State of New Jersey, which certification entitles you to obtain and/or maintain employment at nursing homes, other long term care health care facilities and in private residences in New Jersey; 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 you, while employed as a certified nurse aide with 5 Star Agency and working at Chatham Hills Subacute Care Center, Chatham New Jersey, abused a vulnerable resident entrusted to your care. The incident occurred on or about August 14, 2017, at Chatham Hills Subacute Care Center. Specifically, it is alleged that on August 14, 2017, another CNA witnessed you pull a resident's wheelchair with enough force to cause the resident's shoulder to be pushed into the back of the wheelchair in which he was seated, and also saw you slap the resident twice on his right hand; and 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 your right to seek emergency relief. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Lisa King, at (609)-984-8128.

DATED: August 22, 2017

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