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: Notice of Revocation  
: of Nurse Aide Certification

Shavonna Sierra-Perez

[Redacted]

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)(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 Certification Program of the New Jersey State Department of Health (Department) was notified of the results of an investigation conducted by a representative of Absecon Manor in which sufficient information was obtained to substantiate charges of abuse and neglect committed by you on October 7, 2016 while you were employed as a certified nurse aide at Absecon Manor.

Subsequently, on May 16, 2017, a hearing was conducted to determine if you abused or neglected a resident while employed at the above facility. On June 15, 2017, the Administrative Law Judge, Dorothy Incarvito-Garrabrant, concluded that you did commit an act of abuse and neglect, and as such a finding of abuse and neglect should be placed next to your name on the registry. This decision was affirmed and adopted by the Commissioner of the Department of Health on August 30, 2017 and as such constitutes a Final Agency Decision.

Therefore, in accordance with 42 CFR 483.156(c)(iv)(D), please be advised that this information was included on the registry on September 5, 2017, and will remain on the registry permanently, unless the finding was made in error.

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Please surrender your nurse aide certificate and nurse aide wallet card to:

Office of Program Compliance-Reporting  
25 S. Stockton Street  
P O Box 358  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0358

The certificate and the wallet card are no longer valid.

Please be advised that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.1 et seq. 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, assisted living facility and other licensed health care facility or agency. A finding of abuse next to your name on the registry removes a certified nurse aide from the status of good standing and therefore, as long as a finding of abuse next to your name remains on the registry, you are prohibited from employment as a certified nurse aide and from caring for residents and patients in a licensed long term care facility, assisted living facility or other licensed health care facility or agency.

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 along with your certificate and your wallet card to Lisa King at the address listed above.

Sincerely,



Lisa King, Regulatory Officer  
Program Compliance and Health Care Financing  
Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing

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DATE: September 5, 2017

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