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Notice of Revocation of  
Nurse Aide  
Certification  
NA 200005441  
OPC 17-087

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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 mistreatment, abuse, 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 from the Criminal Background Investigation Unit in which sufficient information was obtained to substantiate charges cited in a police report that you, while working as a certified nurse aide in Tallwoods Care Center, Bayville, New Jersey, took blank bank checks from a resident without her consent. Specifically, on March 7, 2017 the resident reported that four checks were stolen from her checkbook, and that subsequently you forged her signature and cashed those four checks for a total amount of \$3,210.00.

On March 24, 2017, an order of Summary Suspension was sent via UPS next day to your address of record on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry (Registry), as well as to your address provided by the facility on the FRIDAY form. Both letters were delivered on March 27, 2017. The letter(s) advised you that you had thirty (30) days from date of receipt of the notice to request an expedited hearing, as set forth in the enclosed order of Summary Suspension. This office received no such request within the prescribed time. If you moved, it is your responsibility to notify the Nurse Aide Registry and the Criminal

Background Investigation Unit of your new address.

On May 8, 2017, you were sent a Notice of Right to Hearing. The Notice was sent to your address of record on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry (Registry), and to your address provided by the facility on the FRIDAY form via UPS next day. At that time, May 9, 2017, both letters were delivered.

Per your phone call to the Department on July 25, 2017, you stated that you had just received the letter of Right to Hearing sent on May 8, 2017, and you were scheduled for a hearing on August 8, 2017. On August 8, 2017, you spoke again with a Program Specialist, in the Office of Program Compliance. You advised her that you wished to have a hearing and requested another Right to Hearing letter be sent as you misplaced it in your move to your new current address. A new Right to Hearing letter packet was sent to you via UPS next day on August 10, 2017 to your new address. The letter was delivered by UPS on August 11, 2017. Again, you were notified that you had (30) days to request a hearing to contest the charge against you. This office received no such request within the prescribed time.

Therefore, in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 483.156(c)(1)(iv), please be advised that a finding of misappropriation was placed next to your name on the Registry on September 29, 2017, and will remain on the Registry permanently.

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

Office of Program Compliance-Reporting  
25 S. Stockton Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
P O Box 358  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0358

**The certificate and the wallet card are no longer valid and the status of your nurse aide certification is now revoked.**

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 Certified aide is no longer registered in good standing if a finding of mistreatment, abuse, neglect or misappropriation of resident property is included on the Registry. Therefore, as long as a finding of Misappropriation of resident property remains next to your name on the Registry, you are prohibited from employment as a certified nurse aide in a licensed long term care facility.

In accordance with 42 C.F.R. 483.156 and N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.7, 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 the Office of

Program Compliance-Reporting along with your nurse aide certificate and your nurse aide wallet card to the address listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Rosenblum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "R".

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

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DATE: September 29, 2017  
CERTIFIED MAIL #  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
U.S. FIRST CLASS MAIL