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Notice of Revocation of
Nurse Aide Certification
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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 to ensure that nurse aides have the education and clinical skills necessary to care for residents of long term care facilities. See 42 C.F.R. Part 483. 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 and or certified medication aide.

The Certification Program of the New Jersey State Department of Health ("Department") was notified of the results of an investigation in which sufficient information was obtained, that you were accused of abuse and mistreatment of a nursing home resident which occurred April 15, 2018, while you were employed as a certified nurse aide at The Harborage, in North Bergen, New Jersey.

Specifically, it is alleged that on April 15, 2018, you abused and mistreated a vulnerable resident entrusted to your care. You were witnessed tapping the resident's left hand and telling him to keep the Bi-Pap on for his breathing. The facility representatives sent you home and began an investigation. However, during the course of the facility investigation, it was determined that your nurse aide certification was revoked on February 19, 2018 by the Department of Health's Criminal Investigation Unit ("CIU") for charges that were separate and unrelated to the allegations mentioned above. The Criminal Investigation Unit notified you via certified mail of the revocation. The certified mail receipt was signed and returned to their office.

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Please be advised that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.1, an individual who has a current valid nurse aide certificate and is registered in good standing on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry is considered by the Department to be competent to work as a nurse aide in a licensed long-term care facility in New Jersey. You were working as a nurse aide while your certification was revoked.

Please be further advised, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.2 a certificate issued to a nurse aide shall be revoked in cases when there is a conviction or guilty plea or other crime or offense as specified at N.J.A.C. 8:43I-2.1(b).

Therefore, in accordance with 42 CFR 483.156(c)(1)(iv), please be advised that the CIU revocation placed next to your name on the Registry on February 19, 2018 is the current status indicated on the Registry. The status of your certificate and wallet card is revocation and are no longer valid.

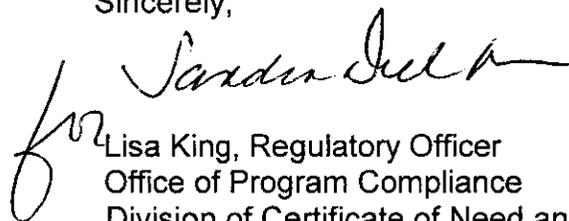
Please surrender your nurse aide certificate and wallet card to:

Office of Program Compliance-Reporting
25 South Stockton Street, 2nd Floor
PO Box 358
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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 medication aide certification and your wallet card to the address listed above.

Sincerely,



Lisa King, Regulatory Officer
Office of Program Compliance
Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing
New Jersey Department of Health

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DATE: July 5, 2018
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