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February 23, 2018

**Sherdean Mock** 

RE: Summary Suspension Sherdeen Mock Certification # NA 8606338

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 you verbally and mentally abused a vulnerable resident. As of your receipt of this Order, your nurse aide certification is no longer valid.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 me in the Office of Program Compliance at (609) 984-8128.

Sincerely,

Gene Rosenblum, Director

Program Compliance and Health Care Financing

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New Jersey Department of Health

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Sherdean Mock Certified Nurse Aide Certification No. NA 8606338

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF NURSE AIDE

TO: Sherdean Mock

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

**FINDS** that you, Sherdean Mock, Certification No. NA 8606338, 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 while you were working as a certified nurse aide at Artis Senior Living of Evesham, New Jersey, and caring for vulnerable residents entrusted to your care, you verbally and mentally abused a resident on December 19, 2017. Specifically, in the presence of several employees you yelled and cursed at a vulnerable resident. Your actions were abusive; 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 shall 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: February 23, 2018

Gene Rosenblum, Director
Office of Program Compliance and

Health Care Financing Division of Certificate of Need & Licensing