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February 26, 2018

Annette C. Louis

RE: **Summary Suspension**
Annette C. Louis
Certification # NA 948466

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 physically, verbally, mentally abused and neglected a resident who was entrusted to your care. As of your receipt of this Order, your nurse aide certification is no longer valid.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
Division of Certificate of Need & Licensing
New Jersey Department of Health

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Annette C. Louis)
Certified Nurse Aide) ORDER OF SUMMARY
Certification No. NA 948466) SUSPENSION OF NURSE AIDE

TO: Annette C. Louis

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, Annette C. Louis, Certification No. NA948466, 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 Care One at New Milford, 800 River Road, New Milford, NJ, and caring for vulnerable residents entrusted to your care, you physically, verbally and mentally abused and neglected a resident. Specifically, it is alleged that you became verbally and physically aggressive with the resident after she told you that she had to get ready for an appointment that morning of December 14, 2017. You aggressively washed her and pushed the residents bed so forcefully that it bumped into the heating unit by the bed. When the resident returned from the appointment you wheeled her backwards into the room, causing the wheelchair to bang against the foot board of the roommate's bed. Thereafter, it is alleged that while you were transferring the resident from the wheelchair to the bed, using the Hoyer Lift without assistance on December 14, 2017, the resident's foot got caught under the machine. The resident screamed as you continued the transfer and her son came in the room and proceeded to remove her foot. After transferring the resident into bed, the resident requested her diaper to be changed, which the resident described as dripping with urine, and you neglected and refused her request, telling her to eat her lunch; 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 the Department of Health at (609) 984-8128.

DATED: February 26, 2018



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