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Notice of Revocation of
Nurse Aide Certification
NA: 20009287
OPC No: 17-11340

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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.

The Certification Program of the New Jersey State Department of Health (Department) was notified of the results of an investigation in which sufficient information that you have been accused of Misappropriation of property, of a nursing home resident/s. This occurred on or about January 30, 2017, while you were employed as a certified nurse aide at Preferred Care at Wall Subacute Rehab, in Wall, New Jersey.

Specifically, on January 30, 2017, you misappropriated the property of a vulnerable resident entrusted to your care when you took a blank check from the resident without his consent and gave the check to another individual, who knowing it was stolen, endorsed it and attempted to cash the check at TD Bank in Ocean, NJ. **You subsequently pled guilty to the charge of Forgery: N.J.S.A. 2C:21-1(a).**

On September 29, 2017, an order of Summary Suspension was sent to the address of record on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry (Registry), as well as to the address provided by the facility on the Facility Reporting Incident Data and Analysis Yield (FRIDAY) form via UPS next day. The first class mail letter was not returned to this office, and UPS tracking affirmed that the letter was also delivered on October 2, 2017. The letter and Summary Suspension order indicated that you had thirty (30) days from

date of receipt of the notice to request an expedited hearing. You did not request an expedited hearing and your certification remains suspended.

Subsequently, on January 16, 2018, you were sent a Right To Hearing letter advising you of the Department's intent to place a finding of Misappropriation next to your name on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry (Registry), and to revoke your certification. At that time, 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.

A check of the Criminal Background Investigation Unit database and the Nurse Aide Registry on January 8, 2018, did not indicate a new address. If you moved, it is your responsibility to notify the Nurse Aide Registry and the Criminal Background Investigation Unit of your new address.

Therefore, in accordance with 42 CFR 483.156(c)(1)(iv), please be advised that a finding of Misappropriation will be placed next to your name on the Registry on May 25, 2018, and will remain on the Registry permanently. Please also be advised that your certification is revoked.

Please surrender your nurse aide certificate and wallet card to:

Office of Program Compliance-Reporting
25 South Stockton Street, 2nd Floor
PO 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 no 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 nurse aide is no longer registered in good standing if a finding of abuse, neglect or misappropriation by the certified nurse aide is included on the registry. Therefore, as long as a finding of Misappropriation 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 certification 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, written over a white background.

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

GR/bg

DATE: May 25, 2018

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED:

US FIRST CLASS MAIL