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Notice of Revocation of
Nurse Aide Certification
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OPC No: 17-11394

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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 neglect of a nursing home resident which occurred on or about September 13, 2017, while you were employed as a certified nurse aide at Crest Haven Nursing and Rehab, Cape May Courthouse, New Jersey.

Specifically, it is alleged that on September 13, 2017, you physically and mentally abused a vulnerable resident entrusted to your care. You forced the resident to get up and dressed against her wishes, you hit the resident and grabbed both of the resident's arms.

On January 1, 2018, you were sent an Order of Summary Suspension notifying you that your nurse aide certification was no longer valid.

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The Order of Summary Suspension sent by the Department indicated that you had 30 days to request a hearing to contest the charges against you. This office received a request for hearing on February 28, 2018. On March 2, 2018, the Department sent you a Notice of Right to Hearing and on March 20, 2018, the Department received your request for a hearing.

On April 11, 2018, the Department requested that both matters, having a common set of facts and witnesses be consolidated. On May 17, 2018, Judge Elaine Frick, A.L.J. ordered the consolidation of both matters.

The matter was scheduled on August 9, 2018 at the Office of Administrative Law before Judge Elaine Frick, and you failed to appear. Subsequently, on August 16, 2018, the file was returned to the Department and marked "Failure to Appear." A Notice of Failure to Appear was sent to you and indicated the Department must receive an explanation within 13 days of the Notice. Neither the Office of Legal and Regulatory Compliance, nor the Department of Health received an explanation.

Therefore, in accordance with 42 CFR 483.156(c)(1)(iv), please be advised that a finding of abuse and neglect, will be placed next to your name on the Registry on September 6, 2018, and will remain on the Registry permanently.

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

Please be advised that your nurse aide 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 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 is included on the Registry. Therefore, if a finding of abuse and neglect 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

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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: September 6, 2018
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