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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. Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 483.156 and N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.7, the State of New Jersey maintains a nurse aide registry (registry), which contains all substantiated findings by the State of resident abuse, resident 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 conducted by a representative of Autumn Lake Healthcare at Oceanview which found sufficient information to substantiate charges of abuse and neglect committed by you on November 1, 2017, while you were employed at Autumn Lake Healthcare at Oceanview.

On May 31, 2018, the Office of Administrative Law conducted a hearing to determine if you neglected and abused a resident while employed at the above facility. On September 21, 2018, Administrative Law Judge Elaine B. Frick issued an Initial Decision concluding that you did commit an act of abuse and that a finding of abuse should be placed next to your name on the registry. On November 1, 2018, the Commissioner of the Department of Health issued a Final Agency Decision which adopted the Initial Decision and found that you committed an act of abuse and directed that a finding of abuse be placed next to your name on the registry.

Therefore, in accordance with 42 CFR 483.156(c)(iv), please be advised that the finding of abuse was included next to your name on the registry on November 13, 2018. The finding of abuse will remain on the registry permanently.

Please be advised that your nurse aide certification is revoked. 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, assisted living facility and other licensed health care facility or agency. A certified nurse aide is no longer registered in good standing if a finding of abuse or neglect by the certified nurse aide is included on the registry. Therefore, as long as a finding of abuse remains next to your name on the registry, you are prohibited from employment as a certified nurse aide and from caring for residents and patients in a licensed long term care facility, assisted living facility or other licensed health care facility or agency.

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 along with your certificate and your wallet card to Lisa King at the address listed above.

Please surrender your nurse aide certificate and nurse aide wallet card to:

Office of Program Compliance-Reporting
25 S. Stockton Street
P O Box 358
Trenton, NJ 08625-0358

The certificate and the wallet card are no longer valid.

Sincerely,



Gene Rosenblum, Director
Office of Program Compliance
Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing
New Jersey Department of Health

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DATE: November 16, 2018
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