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Notice of Revocation of  
Nurse Aide Certification  
NA 200026204  
OPC No: 18-11781

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 C.F.R. 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 there was sufficient information that you abused and neglected a vulnerable resident. This occurred while you were employed as a certified nurse aide at N.J. Veteran's Home, located in Vineland, New Jersey.

Specifically, it is alleged you pushed a resident into bed and told the resident to 'get into bed', and while you were leaving the room you were overheard saying "I hate that woman".

On October 31, 2018, you were sent a Right to Hearing letter via certified mail and first-class mail to the address of record for your nurse aide certification. Previously you confirmed receipt of other documents to this address, the prior documents were regarding informal conferences that were scheduled for September 25, 2018 and October 23, 2018. You failed to attend either conference and confirmed receipt of the informal conference documents during a phone call you made to the Department on October 22, 2018.

The Right to Hearing notice advised you of the Department's intent to place a finding of abuse and neglect next to your name on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry (Registry) and to revoke your certification. The Right to Hearing letter was received in the Department on November 27, 2018 and the certified mail receipt was marked unclaimed; however, the regular mail was not returned to the Department. The Right to Hearing letter notified you that you had 30 days to request a hearing to contest the charges against you. This office received no such request

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within the prescribed time. 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 C.F.R. 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 January 7, 2019 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 abuse 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,



Lisa King, Program Manager  
Office of Program Compliance  
Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing  
New Jersey Department of Health

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DATE: January 7, 2019

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