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In Re Licensure Violation:	:	ORDER PARTIALLY LIFTING
	:	CURTAILMENT OF NEW
WHITING GARDENS REHABILITATION AND	:	ADMISSIONS AND READMISSIONS
AND NURSING CENTER	:	AND DIRECTING SUBMISSION OF
(NJ Facility ID# NJ61534)	:	ADMISSION LOGS
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TO: Aryeh Vinitzky, Administrator  
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On February 3, 2026, the New Jersey Department of Health (the Department) issued to Whiting Gardens Rehabilitation and Nursing Center (Whiting) a verbal order curtailing new admissions and readmissions to the facility and a Directed Plan of Correction due to violations identified by Department surveyors that constituted an immediate and serious risk of harm to facility residents. On February 5, 2026, the Department memorialized the verbal order into a written order.

On February 9, 2026, the Department partially lifted the curtailment of readmissions to allow for readmissions to available beds in the non-affected areas of the facility, specifically the East and North wings. The curtailment of new admissions and the Directed Plan of Correction remained in effect. In addition, the curtailment of readmissions remained in effect for the West and South wings and also for the East and North wings if beds were not available.

Effective immediately, the Department is partially lifting the curtailment of readmissions to allow for readmissions to available beds in the West Wing in addition to available beds in the East and North wings. In addition, the curtailment of new admissions is partially lifted to allow for new admissions to available beds in the East, West and North wings provided that, before accepting new admissions, the facility shall first return evacuated residents who wish to return to the facility and also prioritize readmission of hospitalized residents.

The curtailment of readmissions and new admissions remains in effect for the South wing and also for the East, West and North wings if beds are not available. To ensure compliance with this order, the Department directs that Whiting submit daily readmission logs, including the date of readmission, the names of the residents readmitted and the exact bed number and wing for each resident readmitted. The readmission logs should be sent to [Kara.Morris@doh.nj.gov](mailto:Kara.Morris@doh.nj.gov), [Kimberly.Hansen@doh.nj.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Hansen@doh.nj.gov), and [Carol.Hamill@doh.nj.gov](mailto:Carol.Hamill@doh.nj.gov). The logs should also include any new admissions.

Whiting Gardens Rehabilitation and Nursing Center  
Order Partially Lifting Curtailment of New Admissions and Readmissions and Directing Submission of  
Admission Logs  
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Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions concerning this order, please contact Lisa King, Office of Program Compliance, at [Lisa.King@doh.nj.gov](mailto:Lisa.King@doh.nj.gov).

Sincerely,



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