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October 25, 2021

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RRR Sharmaine Ulam Ranches

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RE: Summary Suspension Sharmaine Ulam Ranches Certification # NA200029382

Enclosed is an Order of Summary Suspension, issued under authority of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:39-43.5(b). Specifically, it is alleged that on July 27, 2021, Edison Police charged you with Theft by Deception, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> §2C:20-4A under Complaint number 1205 S 2021 000619. The charges stem from your work as a Certified Nursing Aide at Hartwyck at Oak Tree in Edison, New Jersey.

As of your receipt of this Order, your nurse aide certification is no longer valid. You have thirty (30) days from the date you receive this notice to appeal this summary suspension to the Commissioner of the Department of Health, as set forth in the enclosed Order. Please review the Order carefully. Failure to submit a timely written request for emergency relief within 30 days from the date of receipt of this Order shall be considered an acceptance of this Department's decision to summarily suspend your nurse aide certification pending completion of the investigation, thereby forfeiting all rights to emergency relief. In addition, even if you do appeal, your certification will remain suspended pending the issuance of a final agency decision, and therefore you cannot work as a certified nurse aide.

Should you have any questions regarding this Order, please confact me in the Office of

Program Compliance at (609) 376-7890.

Sincerely,

Lisa King, Program Manager Office of Program Compliance

Division of Certificate of Need & Licensing

New Jersey Department of Health

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Sharmaine Ulam Ranches) ORDER OF SUMMARY
Certified Nurse Aide) SUSPENSION OF
Certification No. NA200029382) NURSE AIDE CERTIFICATION

TO: Sharmaine Ulam Ranches

TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 26:1A-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., and the provisions set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.5(b), the New Jersey Department of Health (hereinafter, "the Department") hereby

FINDS that you, Sharmaine Ulam Ranches, Certification No. NA200029382, are a certified nurse aide within the State of New Jersey, which certification entitles you to obtain and/or maintain employment at nursing homes and other long-term care health care facilities, where your duties include the provision of direct, hand-to-hand care to elderly, often vulnerable, residents of said nursing homes and other long-term care health care facilities; and the Department further

FINDS that credible evidence exists that on July 27, 2021, Edison Police charged you with Theft by Deception pursuant to N.J.S.A. §2C:20-4A, under Complaint number 1205 S 2021 000619. The charges stem from your work as a Certified Nursing Aide at Hartwyck at Oak Tree in Edison, New Jersey; and the Department further

FINDS that you pose an immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public, including residents of long term care facilities, assisted living facilities and other licensed health care facilities or agencies, including home health agencies that provide in-home care, and that you shall be immediately suspended from eligibility for employment as a nurse aide, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.5(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby administratively

ORDERED that your certification to work as a certified nurse aide in a long-term care facility, assisted living facility and other licensed health care facility or agency, is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED, and your certification shall remain suspended until

such time as the Department has completed its investigation into this matter; and it is further administratively

ORDERED that, in the interim, the Department will continue to investigate this matter. You will be notified when the Department has completed its investigation, at which time you will be advised of what action(s), if any, will be taken with respect to your nurse aide certification.

TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with the provisions set forth in N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.5(b), you have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this notice to request an expedited hearing to appeal this summary suspension to the Commissioner of the Department of Health. Any such hearing shall be conducted at the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law, and shall be conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq., and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Rules, N.J.A.C. 1:1-1 et seq. A request for an expedited hearing shall be made in writing and sent to:

Attention: OAL Expedited Hearing Requests
Office of Legal & Regulatory Compliance - Room 805
New Jersey State Department of Health
P.O. Box 360
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0360

Failure to submit a written request for emergency relief within 30 days from the date of receipt of this Order shall be interpreted as notice and acceptance of this Department's decision to summarily suspend your nurse aide certification pending completion of the investigation, thereby forfeiting all rights to emergency relief. In addition, even if you do appeal, please be advised that your certification will remain suspended pending the final agency decision, and therefore you cannot work as a certified nurse aide. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Department of Health at (609) 984-8128.

DATED: October 25, 2021

Lisa King, Regulatory Officer Office of Program Compliance Division of Certificate of

Need & Licensing

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