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KAITLAN BASTON, MD, MSc, DFASAM Commissioner

In re The Clare Estate (NJ Facility ID# J6TDGC)

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF

PENALTIES

TO: Ms. Jaz-Min Taylor, Administrator

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The New Jersey Department of Health (Department) is vested with the responsibility of carrying out the provisions of the Health Care Facilities Planning Act (Act), N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 to -27, which was enacted, in part, to ensure that all hospitals, long-term care and related health care services, rendered in the State of New Jersey are of the highest quality. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2H-5(a), and the Department's rules, N.J.A.C. 8:43E-1.1 et seq. (General Licensure Procedures and Standards Applicable to All Licensed Facilities), the Commissioner of Health is authorized to inspect all health care facilities and to enforce the Standard for Licensure of Assisted Living Residences, Comprehensive Personal Care Homes, and Assisted Living Programs set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:36-1.1. et seq. In particular, the commissioner is empowered to inquire into health care services and the operation of health care facilities and to conduct periodic inspections of such facilities with respect to the fitness and adequacy of the premises, equipment, personnel, rules and bylaws and the adequacy of financial resources and sources of future revenues. Further, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2H-5(e), at the request of the commissioner, health care facilities shall furnish to the Department such reports and information as it may require effectuating the provisions and purposes of the Act.

On August 8, 2024, the Department issued an Information Requirement Order giving The Clare Estate seven (7) days, or until August 15, 2024, to provide the Department financial information, which is specified in the said Order. On August 21, 2024, and August 26, 2024, Department staff called the facility to speak

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with the administrator but did not receive a return call. In addition, on August 21, 2024, the Department resent a copy of the Information Requirement Order to facility staff. Finally, on August 26, 2024, the Department provided the facility with an opportunity to cure the violation by providing the requested information by 5:00 p.m. on August 26, 2024, and notified the facility that the Department would assess a civil monetary penalty if it did not comply. Up to the present date, The Clare Estate has failed to provide the financial information required to the Department.

MONETARY PENALTIES:

N.J.A.C. 8:43E-3.4(a)11 provides that the Department may assess a monetary penalty of \$250 per day for failure to report information to the Department as required by statute or licensing regulation, after reasonable notice and an opportunity to cure the violation. The Department is assessing a \$250 per day penalty for the Facility's failure to comply with the Information Requirement Order from August 16, 2024, or \$250 x 13 days= \$3,250.

Therefore, the total penalty for failure to comply with the Information Requirement Order is \$3,250 under N.J.S.A. 26:2H-5(e).

The total amount of this penalty is required to be paid within 30 days of receipt of this letter by certified check or money order made payable to the "Treasurer of the State of New Jersey" and forwarded to Office of Program Compliance, New Jersey Department of Health, P.O. Box 358, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0358, Attention: Lisa King. On all future correspondence related to this Notice, please refer to Control X24072.

Facilities wishing to challenge the assessment of penalties are not entitled to IDR review, but such facilities may request a formal hearing at the Office of Administrative Law as set forth herein below.

The Clare Estate is entitled to challenge the assessment of penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2H-13, by requesting a formal hearing at the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The Clare Estate may request a hearing to challenge any or all of the assessed penalties. The Facility must advise this Department within 30 days of the date of this letter if it requests an OAL hearing regarding the findings and/or penalty.

Please forward your OAL hearing request to: Attention: OAL Hearing Requests Office of Legal and Regulatory Compliance, New Jersey Department of Health

P.O. Box 360

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0360

Failure to submit a written request for a hearing within 30 days from the date of this notice will render this a final agency decision. The final agency order shall thereafter have the same effect as a judgment of the court.

Corporations are not permitted to represent themselves in OAL proceedings. Therefore, if The Clare Estate is owned by a corporation, representation by counsel is required. In the event of an OAL hearing, The Clare Estate is required to submit a written response to each and every charge as specified in this notice, which shall accompany its written request for a hearing.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your anticipated cooperation. Should you have any questions concerning this order, please contact Nadine Jackman at Nadine.Jackman@doh.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

From K. J. m.

Lisa King, Program Manager

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> Office of Program Compliance Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing

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