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In Re Licensure Violation:

WHITING GARDENS REHABILITATION
AND NURSING CENTER
(NJ Facility ID# NJ61534)

ORDER LIFTING CURTAILMENT OF
ADMISSIONS AND READMISSIONS
AND LIFTING DIRECTIVE TO SUBMIT
CENSUS AND ADMISSION LOGS

TO: Aryeh Vinitsky, 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.

On February 18, 2026, the Department partially lifted 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 Department partially lifted the curtailment of new admissions 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.

On March 18, 2026, the Department lifted the Directed Plan of Correction by removing the requirement that the facility retain a consultant administrator and the requirement for weekly progress reports regarding identified areas of non-compliance and corrective measures, but the curtailment of readmissions and new admissions remained in effect for the South wing and also for the East, West and North wings if beds were not available. To ensure compliance, the Department directed that Whiting submit to the Department a census breakdown per wing and readmission logs, including the date of readmission, the names of the residents readmitted and the exact bed number and wing for each resident readmitted as well as any new admissions.

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Effective immediately, the Department is lifting the curtailment of new admissions and readmissions, including the directive to submit a census breakdown.

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.

Sincerely,



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