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*Commissioner*

December 17, 2018

Brian Ruden  
New Jersey Compassionate Health Care LLC  
1155 Orchard St.  
Golden, CO 80401

Dear Mr. Ruden:

The Department of Health (Department) received payment for your application to operate an Alternative Treatment Center (ATC) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-1 et seq. on 9/4/2018.

The deadline for submission of a complete application, required signatures, and payment was 5:00 PM EST on Friday, August 31, 2018. Because New Jersey Compassionate Health Care LLC failed to timely submit the required payment by 5:00 PM EST on August 31, 2018, the Department did not consider your application. Because the Department did not accept the application, your two checks are being returned to you.

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, within 45 days of the date of this letter in accordance with the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey. All appeals should be directed to:

Superior Court of New Jersey  
Appellate Division  
Attn: Court Clerk  
PO Box 006  
Trenton, NJ 08625

Thank you for the interest in operating an ATC. As outlined in the July 2018 Request for Applications, the Department anticipates future opportunities to obtain a permit to operate an ATC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shereef M. Elnahal".

Shereef M. Elnahal, MD, MBA  
Commissioner