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Notice of Revocation

of Nurse Aide Certification

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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, under authority of federal law, imposes a requirement on state governments to ensure that nurse aides have the education and clinical skills necessary to care for residents of long term care facilities. See 42 C.F.R. Part 483. Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 483.156 and N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.7, the State of New Jersey maintains a nurse aide registry (registry), which contains all substantiated findings by the State of resident abuse, resident neglect, or misappropriation of resident property by a certified nurse aide.

The Certification Program of the New Jersey State Department of Health (Department) was notified of the results of an investigation conducted by a representative of Marcella Center in which found sufficient information to substantiate charges of neglect committed by you on April 29, 2017, while you were employed at Marcella Center.

On November 20, 2017, the Office of Administrative Law conducted a hearing to determine if you neglected and abused a resident while employed at the above facility. On December 21, 2017, Administrative Law Judge Catherine A. Tuohy issued an Initial Decision concluding that you did commit an act of abuse and neglect and that a finding of abuse and neglect should be placed next to your name on the New Jersey Nurse Aide Registry. This decision has become a final agency decision pursuant to N.J.S.A. 1:1-18.6(e).

Therefore, in accordance with 42 <u>C.F.R.</u> 483.156(c)(iv), please be advised that the finding of abuse and neglect was included next to your name on the registry on March 6, 2018. The finding of abuse will remain on the registry <u>permanently</u>. The finding of neglect will be placed next to your name on the registry for a minimum of one year pursuant to 42 <u>U.S.C.</u> §1395 i-3 (g)(1)(D). You have the right to make a written request to the Department to remove the finding of neglect from the registry one year after the date of the original placement. If the Department grants your request, the Department will remove the finding of neglect from the registry. However, the finding of abuse will remain on the registry even if the finding of neglect is removed.

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Please be advised that your nurse aide certification is revoked. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.1(a)(1), only individuals who maintain a currently valid nurse aide certificate and are registered in good standing on the registry are considered by the Department to be competent to work as a nurse aide in a licensed long term care facility, assisted living facility and other licensed health care facility or agency. A certified nurse aide is no longer registered in good standing if a finding of abuse or neglect by the certified nurse aide is included on the registry. Therefore, as long as a finding of abuse or neglect remains next to your name on the registry, you are prohibited from employment as a certified nurse aide and from caring for residents and patients in a licensed long term care facility, assisted living facility or other licensed health care facility or agency.

In accordance with 42 <u>C.F.R.</u> 483.156 and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:39-43.7, you are entitled to submit a written statement contesting the findings noted above. This statement will be maintained on the registry. If you wish to submit such a written statement, you must do so within 20 days of the date of this letter. Your letter should reference "Notice of Revocation of Nurse Aide Certificate: Contested Findings". Please forward this statement along with your certificate and your wallet card to Lisa King at the address listed above.

Please surrender your nurse aide certificate and nurse aide wallet card to:

Office of Program Compliance-Reporting 25 S. Stockton Street P O Box 358 Trenton, NJ 08625-0358

The certificate and the wallet card are no longer valid.

Sincerely,

Ğene Rosenblum, Director

Program Compliance and Health Care Financing Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing

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DATE: March 6, 2018

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