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February 19, 2019

Sherwana Hawkins

RE: Summary Suspension
Sherwana Hawkins
Certification # NA 8283282

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 January 1, 2019, you drove a motor vehicle while your driver's licence was suspended and you were under the influence of alcohol and you struck and killed a pedestrian who was crossing the road.

As of your receipt of this Order, your nurse aide certification is no longer valid.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 contact Lisa King in the Office of Program Compliance at (609) 984-8128.

Sincerely,

Lisa King, Regulatory Officer

Division of Certificate of Need & Licensing

New Jersey Department of Health

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Sherwana Hawkins Certified Nurse Aide Certification No. NA 8283282

ORDER OF SUMMARY
SUSPENSION OF NURSE AIDE

TO: Sherwana Hawkins

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

FINDS that you, Sherwana Hawkins, Certification No. NA 8283282, 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 January 1, 2019, while your drivers license was suspended, and you were under the influence of alcohol. You drove your vehicle and you struck and killed a pedestrian crossing interstate I-676. You were arrested and charged by the New Jersey State Police with N.J.S.A 2C11-5A, vehicular homicide and N.J.S.A. 2C:40-22A for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license and causing death of another person; 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 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. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Lisa King at (609) 984-8128.

DATED: February 19, 2019

Lisa King, Regulatory Officer
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