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September 1, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RRR
and EMAIL (eshdickerson08@gmail.com)

Aiyishia J. Dickerson

Re: Notice of Revocation of Nurse Aide Certification Certification No.: NA8603952

OPC No.: 21-13702

Dear Ms. Dickerson:

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. These regulations also require that each State maintain a nurse aide Registry, which, pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 483.156(c)(1)(iv), must contain all substantiated findings by the State of resident mistreatment, abuse, 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 in which there was sufficient information that you have been accused of abusing a vulnerable elderly person.

Specifically, it is alleged that you used profanity towards the resident while assisting the resident to bed, and you aggressively used force to put the resident's legs into the bed. Your actions were willful and constitute abuse in accordance with the federal definitions under 42 <u>C.F.R.</u> 483.5.

The Department sent you a letter dated October 29, 2021 for an informal conference. It received no response. The Department also sent notices dated June 10, 2022, and June 22, 2022 of your right to a hearing. You had thirty (30) days to respond to the right to hearing letters to contest the charges against you. You failed to do so. The Department initially revoked your certification by letter dated August 5, 2022.

You then contacted the Department and after communicating with you the Department resent all previous notices by letter dated January 18, 2023 to the address you provided. Additionally, in an abundance of fairness the Department issued a recission of the

revocation by letter dated February 16, 2023. Subsequently, the Department by letter dated July 18, 2023 sent you another Right to Hearing letter to the address provided by you. Despite all the efforts made by the Department, to date we have received no response from you.

Therefore, in accordance with 42 <u>C.F.R.</u> 483.156(c)(1)(iv), please be advised that a finding of abuse will be placed next to your name on the Registry on September 1, 2023 and will remain on the Registry permanently. Please also be advised that your certification is revoked.

Please surrender your nurse aide certificate and wallet card to:

Office of Program Compliance-Reporting 120 South Stockton Street, 3rd Floor PO Box 358 Trenton, NJ 08625-0358

The certificate and the wallet card are no longer valid, and the status of your nurse aide certification is now revoked.

Please be advised that 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 certified nurse aide in a licensed long term care facility. A certified nurse aide is no longer registered in good standing if a finding of abuse, neglect or misappropriation by the certified nurse aide's name is included on the Registry. Therefore, you are prohibited from employment as a certified nurse aide when a finding of Abuse remains next to your name on the Registry.

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 to the Office of Program Compliance-Reporting along with your nurse aide certification and your nurse aide wallet card to the address listed in this letter.

Sincerely,

Lisa King, Program Manager
Office of Program Compliance
Division of Certificate of Need and
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