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NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

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December 23, 2009

Thomas Smith, Administrator
Desert Developmental Center
1391 South Jones Blvd
Las Vegas, NV 89102

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the HEALTH DIVISION intends to impose sanctions effective eleven working days after your receipt of this notice.

Statutory or Regulatory Authority

The Health Division is imposing sanctions on your facility in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 449.163 through 449.170 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 449.9982 through 449.99939. The imposition of sanctions is based on the severity and the scope of the deficiency as defined by NAC 449.99861 and NAC 449.9986. The severity and scope scores assigned to the deficiencies are provided in Attachment A.

Monetary Penalties

NAC 449.99895 authorizes the Bureau to impose monetary penalties.

The Bureau is imposing initial penalties of $400.00, assessed for the deficiency at TAG W155. NAC 449.99899(4) indicates for initial deficiencies with a severity level of three and a scope level of two or less, an initial monetary penalty of $400 per deficiency must be imposed. No daily penalty will be imposed at this time.

Total of Monetary Penalties = $400.00

NAC 449.99904 indicates the requirements for reduction of the penalty.
NAC 449.99908 indicates the time allowed for the payment of the penalty.
NAC 449.99911 indicates the possible consequences for failure to pay the penalty.

Facts Supporting the Sanction

The Bureau conducted an offsite complaint survey at Desert Developmental Center on October 28, 2009. The specific factual findings that serve as the basis of the underlying deficiencies are set forth in the Statement of Deficiencies (SOD) in Attachment A.

Other Circumstances Considered
The Health Division has reviewed the Plan of Correction (POC) submitted on December 16, 2009 in response to the survey. The POC is acceptable.

Notice of Right to Appeal
Nevada Revised Statutes 449.170(2) affords the facility the right to contest the action of the Health Division. If you wish to oppose this action, you must send a written appeal to Richard Whitley, MS, Health Division Administrator, 4150 Technology Way, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89706. You can fax your written appeal to (775) 684-4211.

In order for you to receive a hearing, the Administrator must receive this written appeal by 5:00 pm on the 10th working day after you have received this notice. The local Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance office cannot accept your appeal. Your written appeal must include the following information: a) the action to be contested, b) the name of the division officer or employee who signed this notice, c) the reasons that the appellant believes the action is incorrect, and d) whether or not the appellant is seeking an informal internal resolution prior to the formal appeal process.

You are entitled to be represented by counsel at your own expense in these proceedings. If you retain an attorney, your counsel must notify the Administrator of his or her representation of you.

Effective Date of Sanction
If you submit a timely request for appeal, the effective date of the action will be stayed, pending the hearing on appeal. If you do not request a hearing within the next ten working days, you will waive your rights to a hearing and the action will be imposed as of the 11th working day after you receive this notice. NAC 439.348 indicates that except as otherwise provided in NAC 449.99908 the effective date of the disciplinary action is stayed upon receipt of an appeal until the hearing officer renders a decision regarding the appeal. NAC 449.99908 indicates that initial monetary penalty assessment payments are due within 15 days after the notice of the penalty and must be paid irrespective of any administrative appeal.

Reduction of Monetary Penalties
If you waive your right to hearing, correct the deficiencies and pay the fines within 15 days of this notice, your penalty will be reduced by 25% pursuant to NAC 449.99904.

Payments
Payments for monetary penalties must be made to the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance at either: 4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Bldg. D, Ste. 810, Las Vegas, NV 89119 or 1550 E. College Parkway, Ste. 158, Carson City, NV 89706.

Other Notifications

The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance must upload information about sanctions applied to medical facilities to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) within 30 days of providing the sanction notice to the facility.

If you have any questions about this notice or the contents therein, please call the supervisor indicated below. Please dial based on your facility's location, Southern Nevada (702)486-6515 or Northern Nevada (775)687-4475.

Sincerely,

Barbara Cavanagh HFS III

Barbara Cavanagh, RN, BSN
Health Facility Surveyor III
For Marla McDade Williams, MPA
Bureau Chief

Attachments: SOD – Attachment A