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NEWS RELEASE

BUREAU OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY and COMPLIANCE SEEKS ACTION ON TWO UNLICENSED FACILITIES

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance has issued notices to two separate Washoe County residential care facilities that they are operating without the proper licenses as required by state law.

Both the Golden Memories facility at 1421 Kinglet Drive in Sparks and the Sierra Park Home at 1650 Shadow Park Drive in Reno have been referred to the Nevada Attorney General's Office for prosecution as unlicensed facilities.

Golden Memories is currently licensed with the Bureau as a Home for Individual Residential Care. In February, Bureau staff observed more than the maximum of two residents allowed under this type of license residing in the facility. The home would need to seek licensure as a Residential Facility for Groups to accommodate more than the two residents authorized under its current license. The home has been asked to reduce its population to the two allowed residents or seek licensure as a group home.

Sierra Park is currently not licensed as any type of residential facility regulated by the Bureau, and the operator was notified of the legal requirements in a letter hand delivered in January.

A local business license is not adequate to meet state requirements for the regulation and licensure of residential care facilities. Operating an unlicensed facility could make an operator liable for a \$10,000 civil penalty. The facilities also have the option of seeking licensure with the Bureau.

Discharge planners with hospitals and other medical facilities should ensure their patients are released to facilities that are properly licensed by the Bureau.

The Bureau issues press releases about the facilities it regulates in limited circumstances: where major public health concerns are identified in licensed facilities; in significant cases of repeat violations in licensed facilities; in cases of the suspension or revocation of a license; in cases where patient harm has occurred; and in cases where unlicensed facilities are operating.

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The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance protects the safety and welfare of the public through the promotion and advocacy of quality health care through licensing, regulation, enforcement and education. This mission is accomplished through the Bureau's two sections: Licensure and Certification, which regulates facilities such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, group homes, hospitals, outpatient surgery centers and laboratories; and Radiological Health, which evaluates and responds to hazards from sources of ionizing radiation such as X-ray machines, sources of radiation to treat cancer and mammography units.

For health facilities, more than 900 surveys are conducted each year of Nevada's licensees. More information about the Bureau, including a list of unlicensed facilities, may be found at health.nv.gov.

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