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NEWS RELEASE

UPDATE: BUREAU OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY and COMPLIANCE REVOKES LICENSE OF RENO GROUP HOME

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division’s Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance has revoked the license of a Reno group care home because of concerns over the health and safety of the residents. The license revocation of the Family Home Care II facility at 1725 Peavine St. came after the operator declined to appeal an earlier decision by the Bureau to immediately suspend the facility’s license. The facility had been licensed for six beds for elderly and disabled persons.

The revocation comes as the result of a survey and complaint investigation initiated November 30, 2008 which revealed numerous violations of state regulations, including a case of improper medication administration. The improper medication administration resulted in a resident falling and suffering a permanent head injury.

A return visit on February 17 found more violations of state regulations that compromised the health and safety of the one resident remaining at the facility.

Serious issues regarding the facility’s care of its residents date back to 2006.

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.

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, ambulatory 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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