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**NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION**  
**NEWS RELEASE**  
**LAS VEGAS ADULT GROUP CARE FACILITY**  
**FAILS TO CORRECTLY ADMINISTER**  
**PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS**

*Carson City* – The Nevada State Health Division’s Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance intends to impose over \$100,000 in sanctions against a Las Vegas adult group care facility after a complaint was filed stating that the facility failed to properly administer prescribed medications to its residents. The facility is licensed for 105 beds for elderly and disabled persons.

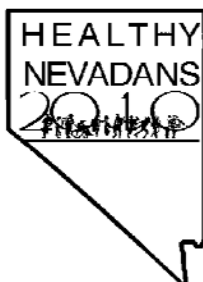
In May of 2009, the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance received a complaint stating that a resident of Loyalton of Las Vegas did not get her medication as prescribed by her physician. The Bureau found that staff had not properly administered medication for that resident and for an additional ten of twenty residents sampled. A sanction was imposed and a Plan of Correction was submitted to the Bureau by the facility. The Bureau re-visited the facility on May 28, 2009 and found that the staff at Loyalton of Las Vegas, although attempts were made, had not corrected the issue. Subsequent inspections in June, July, September, and October found that the facility still was not administering medications properly and was not adhering to its signed agreements, which state that they would provide and properly administer medications to their residents. This is the fourth sanction for the facility since May.

The monetary penalties were figured by assessing \$800 a day for the false compliance between June 16, 2009, the date their first Plan of Correction was accepted by the Bureau, and until the Bureau found that the facility was administering medications properly to their residents, which was October 30, 2009, or 137 days. The monetary penalties total \$109,600. The facility can appeal the penalties.

The Nevada State Health Division’s 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 may be found at: <http://health.nv.gov/>

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