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NEWS RELEASE

HEALTH DIVISION REVOKES LICENSE OF HOME FOR INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL CARE

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance has issued a notice of intent to revoke the license of Mary Knoll Care Home, a home licensed to care for up to two persons who are aged or disabled, in Reno.

The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance conducted an inspection on January 4, 2010 and found unsanitary conditions including rotting and decomposed food found throughout the facility. The home failed to ensure smoke detectors were functioning, failed to ensure staff were trained in CPR and first aid, failed to ensure employees were tested for tuberculosis, and failed to ensure employees met background check requirements. Also, two boarders were living at the home in violation of Assembly Bill 111, a bill enacted during the 2009 Legislative Session, which prohibits boarders in these types of homes.

The home has 10 working days to appeal the action of the Bureau.

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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