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## **NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION**

### **NEWS RELEASE**

#### **LAS VEGAS GROUP HOME LICENSE SUSPENDED DUE TO RESIDENT SAFETY CONCERNS**

*Carson City* – The Nevada State Health Division's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance has ordered a Las Vegas group home to cease operations due to ongoing concerns about the quality of care being provided to residents. A letter hand-delivered on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009 to Sanchez Home Care, 4504 La Roca Circle in Las Vegas, immediately suspended the facility's license to do business. The Bureau will now proceed with a license revocation process, which the facility can appeal.

The decision to summarily suspend the license of the facility, which provides care to up to seven elderly, disabled or mentally ill residents, came after inspections on April 8, June 17, and Aug. 11 and 13, 2009. The annual inspection of the facility on April 8 generated more than 20 deficiencies, three of which were serious in nature. The facility also received a grade of D, the lowest grade possible. Serious deficiencies included the failure to properly administer medications, improperly restraining a resident and failing to meet the needs of a resident. On July 29, 2009, the facility was notified it was being fined \$2,500 for the deficiencies, which included repeat violations from a previous survey.

The facility was cited following the June 17 survey for serious issues including accepting a resident with medical needs the facility could not properly provide.

In the most recent investigation, Bureau surveyors found that the water to the facility had been turned off, inadequate food supplies were available for residents and a resident requiring dialysis treatment had missed an appointment, among multiple other issues of concern. It was also determined the facility had been sold to a new owner, but the new owner did not submit a change of ownership application to the Bureau as required. The Bureau has determined residents are not safe at the facility due to financial instability and the facility's decision to engage in practices detrimental to residents.

Many of the violations occurred even after the Bureau provided the services of a consultant on four separate occasions in an effort to assist in bringing the facility into compliance with state rules and regulations.



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The surveys of the facility can be found at the Bureau's website here:

[http://health.nv.gov/Deficiencies\\_Qry.asp](http://health.nv.gov/Deficiencies_Qry.asp)

The facility was ordered to safely relocate existing residents and provide the Bureau with information about their transfer to new facilities.

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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