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HEARING OFFICER UPHOLDS HEALTH DIVISION ON REVOCATION OF LAS VEGAS CARE HOME LICENSE

Carson City – A decision by the Nevada Health Division's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance to revoke the license of a Las Vegas home for residential care has been upheld by a State Hearing Officer. In a decision and order dated October 28, 2009, the Hearing Officer concluded that the operator of Sanchez Home Care, located at 4504 La Roca Circle in Las Vegas, failed to provide adequate care to protect residents at the facility, licensed for up to seven residents.

A Bureau surveyor visited the facility in August of 2009 to investigate complaints regarding the lack of care that residents were receiving at the facility. The Bureau's investigation found that one of the caregivers had not had adequate caregiver training as required by regulation and that there was not a sufficient number of caregivers present at the facility at the time of the visit. Several other violations of state regulations were noted in the survey of the facility dated August 11, 2009.

The Hearing Officer determined that the facility was out of compliance with various state laws and regulations. Mr. Sanchez did not dispute the deficiencies identified by the Health Division. The Hearing Officer noted that Mr. Sanchez may apply for a license to operate a residential facility for groups in the future. The decision can be appealed to the District Court.

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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