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HEALTH DIVISION IMPOSES SANCTION/ PLACES BAN ON NEW ADMISSIONS

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance has imposed sanctions totaling \$5,100 and ordered a ban on admissions of a residential facility for groups, Best Care Facility 1 in Las Vegas.

Problems at the facility date back to February 28, 2007. At that time a survey revealed 15 violations of state regulations regarding criminal background checks, sanitation issues, tuberculosis testing, non-functioning smoke detectors and medication administration. The facility underwent another annual State Licensure survey on May 30, 2008. This survey revealed 10 violations of state regulations regarding a cockroach infestation, non-functioning smoke detectors, unsanitary kitchen conditions, general facility-wide sanitation issues, criminal background checks and medication administration. On February 18, 2009, the facility underwent another annual State Licensure survey. This survey revealed 18 violations of state regulations regarding the same issues discovered during the two previous annual State Licensure surveys and the facility was sanctioned \$600 for its repeated deficiencies. The facility received a grade of D. The facility indicated on its February 18, 2009 Plan of Correction that all deficiencies had been corrected. A mandatory grading system re-survey began April 9, 2009, taking several trips before completion on August 25, 2009, due to remodeling. The facility did receive a grade of A during the re-survey.

Another annual State Licensure survey was conducted on February 2, 2010 and the facility received the grade of D. This survey revealed 30 violations of state regulations involving issues with medication administration, criminal background checks, general facility-wide sanitation issues, safety issues, an on-going cockroach infestation, lack of a functioning auditory alarm system, care issues concerning a resident with a colostomy, medication administration, and tuberculosis testing. Eight of the deficiencies were repeated violations from previous surveys. An Immediate Jeopardy situation was declared involving missing resident medications.

It has been determined that residents are not safe at this facility due to chronic, repeated non-compliance and that the facility is engaging in practices detrimental to the health and safety of the residents. The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance will continue to monitor the facility with continuing follow-up surveys.

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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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