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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 \$4800 and ordered a ban on admissions of a residential facility for groups, Las Vegas Home Sweet Home.

Problems at the facility date back to February 19, 2009. At that time, the facility had thirty-four violations of state regulations. The facility then failed to submit a required correction plan within the required timeframe, and the plan that was submitted was not acceptable. An acceptable plan was finally submitted on May 28, 2009. On August 12, 2009 the Bureau conducted a re-inspection to determine if the facility had corrected the problems, and the inspection revealed eleven violations of state regulations, involving issues with tuberculosis testing, criminal background checks, and medication management.

An annual State Licensure survey was conducted on 1/27/10. This survey again revealed 28 violations of state regulations involving issues with protective supervision, medication management, criminal background checks, fire drills, smoke detector testing, sanitation, caregiver training, resident health care, physical hazards, emergency lighting, and exiting lighting. Nine of the regulatory violations were repeated deficiencies from previous inspections. In addition, the facility’s food service permit expired on 10/31/09 because the facility failed to renew the permit. Food operations were immediately suspended because of unsanitary conditions in the kitchen and food preparation areas.

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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