

Richard Whitley, M.S.
Administrator

Mary Guinan, M.D., PhD
State Health Officer



Contact Name: Martha Framsted
Phone Number: 775-684-4014
Release Date: March 20, 2009
Page 1 of 1

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION

NEWS RELEASE

BUREAU OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY and COMPLIANCE SUSPENDS LICENSE OF RENO GROUP HOME

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance has suspended the license of the owner of a Reno group care home because of ongoing concerns over the health and safety of its residents. The order of immediate suspension and intent to revoke the license of the Family Home Care II facility at 1725 Peavine St. was hand delivered on Thursday.

The suspension is immediate. The owner may appeal, but the suspension will not be lifted unless the owner prevails in a hearing. The facility must now take steps to transfer the care of any remaining residents to another suitable facility.

The suspension comes following a survey and complaint investigation initiated on November 30, 2008 which revealed numerous violations of state regulations, including a case of improper medication administration. The improper medication administration resulted in a resident falling and suffering a permanent head injury.

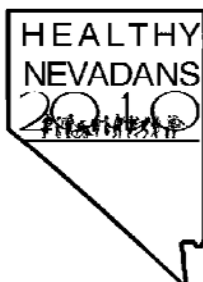
A return visit on February 17, 2009 found more violations of state regulations that compromised the health and safety of the one remaining resident.

The Bureau issues press releases about the facilities it regulates in limited circumstances: where major public health concerns are identified in licensed facilities; in significant cases of repeat violations in licensed facilities; in cases of the suspension or revocation of a license; in cases where patient harm has occurred; and in cases where unlicensed facilities are operating.

The 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, outpatient 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, including a list of unlicensed facilities, may be found at health.nv.gov.

###



Richard Whitley, Administrator

4150 Technology Way, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89706
Phone (775) 684-4200, Fax (775) 684-4211
NEVADA STATE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER