DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE of MANDATORY TERMINATION FROM MEDICARE/MEDICAID PROGRAM

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notice that on September 10, 2024, Abbott Terrace Health Center, 44 Abbott Terrace Waterbury, CT 06702-1431, a skilled nursing facility in the Medicare program, will no longer participate in the Medicare program. The Medicare provider agreement between Abbott Terrace Health Center and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be terminated on **September 10, 2024**, due to the facility's failure to meet Medicare's basic health and safety requirements.

In addition, as authorized by the STATE MEDICAID AGENCY, notice is given that the provider's agreement as a nursing facility in the Medicaid program will also be terminated effective September 10, 2024.

The facility has been notified that based on the Denial of Payment for New Admissions imposed on Abbott Terrace Health Center in the CMS Imposition Notice dated May 17, 2024, CMS will cease to pay for services furnished to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries admitted on or after June 4, 2024, however, payment for services rendered to beneficiaries admitted before June 4, 2024 may continue for up to 30 calendar days after September 10, 2024. CMS is committed to patient safety and quality of care. We are closely monitoring the relocation of Medicare and Medicaid patients to other facilities.

CMS requires facilities to meet certain health and safety standards to be certified as a Medicare provider. Involuntary termination of a provider agreement is generally a last resort after all other attempts to remedy the deficiencies at a facility have been exhausted. In this instance, CMS has found that Abbott Terrace Health Center is out of compliance with CMS's health and safety requirements. While we understand that relocation of residents and patients can be challenging for all parties involved, CMS prioritizes patient safety and care quality.

For residents, patients, and their family members, CMS recommends visiting the following websites for additional assistance through the relocation process:

- Care Compare Website: https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/
- Connecticut Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: https://portal.ct.gov/ltcop

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As of October 1, 2017 (for Ambulatory Surgical Centers [ASCs], Federally Qualified Health Centers [FQHCs], Rural Health Clinics [RHCs] and Organ Procurement Organizations [OPOs]),

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and August 18, 2017 for all other certified providers and suppliers, public notice of termination will be posted on the Survey & Certification website at https://www.cms.gov/medicare/provider-enrollment-and-certification/surveycertificationgeninfo/termination-notices For more information, please visit https://www.medicare.gov.

To learn more about the termination process, please visit https://www.cms.gov/medicare/provider-enrollment-and-certification/surveycertificationenforce ment