

## Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

**Termination Notice** 

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Re: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Healthcare Services Inc. 9950 Westpark Dr. Houston, TX 77063

## LEGAL NOTICE of TERMINATION FROM MEDICARE PROGRAM

Effective May 4, 2019, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services terminated its Medicare/Medicaid agreement with 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Healthcare Services Inc. in Houston, TX. This action is being taken because this Home Health agency is not in compliance with the Conditions of Participation in the Medicare program as established by the Social Security Act (Sections 1861(dd)), and its underlying regulations.

As a result of the non-compliance, the Medicare and Medicaid programs will not pay for home health services that 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Healthcare Services Inc. furnishes to patients who are admitted on or after May 4, 2019. However, payment may be available for up to 30 days after the effective date of termination for home health services furnished to patients under a plan of care established before May 4, 2019.

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