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HEALTH CARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH SUMMARY ORDER PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. § 19a-534a

Issued To: Greentree Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

4 Greentree Drive Waterford, CT 06385

Whereas, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-493, Greentree Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center ("Licensee") has been issued license No. 2206C by the Connecticut Department of Public Health ("Department") to operate a 90 bed Chronic and Convalescent Nursing Home known as Greentree Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center located at 4 Greentree Drive in Waterford, Connecticut ("Facility"); and,

Whereas, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-534a authorizes the Commissioner of Public Health ("Commissioner") to issue a Summary Order if the Commissioner finds that the health, safety, or welfare of any patient or patients in any nursing home facility imperatively requires emergency action and incorporate findings to that effect into the order; and,

Whereas, the Department received a complaint, and an investigation was initiated concerning the removal of tiles which may contain asbestos; and,

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 368v of the Connecticut General Statutes, nursing home facilities are required to comply with all pertinent regulations promulgated by the Department;

Whereas, during the course of the inspection and/or investigation at the Facility on March 9, 2023, violations of the Connecticut General Statutes and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("Public Health Code") occurred as follows:

1. The Licensee failed to have plans and specifications for new construction and rehabilitation, alteration, addition, or modification of an existing structure approved by the Department on the basis of compliance with the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies after the approval of such plans and specifications by local building inspectors and fire marshals, and prior to the start of construction in violation of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §19-13-D8t(v)(4) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-491; and/or,



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2. The Licensee removed flooring, possibly containing asbestos, prior to performing asbestos testing in violation of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §19-13-D8t(v)(4) and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 19a-491.

Whereas, based on the foregoing, the Commissioner finds that the health, safety, and welfare of patients in the Facility imperatively requires emergency action.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority provided by the Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-534a, the Commissioner **ORDERS** that the Licensee take the following actions:

- 1. Immediately evacuate of all residents currently living in the North Center Nursing Unit and the South Center Nursing Unit (approximately 69 residents);
- 2. Immediately cover the entire concrete floor on the South Center Nursing Unit;
- 3. Immediately close the corridor doors between the North Center Nursing Unit and North Star Nursing Unit and post the following notice on the doors: "Do Not Open, Emergency Use Only";
- 4. Require staff to enter the building using the exterior door at the North Star Nursing Unit at all times during this renovation project, including to report to their assignment, and to bring all dietary carts through the exterior door;
- 5. Immediately set up a temporary satellite nurse station in the North Star Nursing Unit;
- 6. Immediately provide notice of this Order to all residents, residents' families, and caregivers;
- 7. Conduct asbestos testing of all flooring materials throughout the building and in the dumpster;
- 8. Install negative air scrubbing machines in all units and ensure that such machines are turned on 24/7 throughout the duration of this project;
- 9. Immediately stop new admissions;
- 10. Provide to DPH within 24 hours the full renovation plan for the Facility;
- 11. Facility shall not resume work until a work plan is submitted to DPH for review and received DPH's approval.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 10th day of March 2023.

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Commissioner

Connecticut Department of Public Health