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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION

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Title Notice to the Public of Sweet Brook of Williamstown Rehabilitation & Nursing Center
Involuntary Termination

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notice that on March 31, 2019, Sweet Brook of Williamstown Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, 1561 Cold Spring Road, Williamstown, MA 01267, will no longer participate in the Medicare program. The Medicare provider agreement between the Skilled Nursing Facility and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be terminated on March 31, 2019, due to their failure to meet Medicare's basic health and safety requirements.

The facility has been notified that Medicare will cease to pay for services furnished to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries admitted on or after March 31, 2019, although payment may continue for up to thirty (30) calendar days for residents admitted on or before March 31, 2019. CMS is committed to patient safety and quality of care. We are closely monitoring the relocation of Medicare and Medicaid residents 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, the CMS Boston Regional Office, has found that Sweet Brook of Williamstown Rehabilitation & Nursing Center is out of compliance with CMS basic health and safety requirements.

While we understand the relocation of residents can be challenging for all parties involved, CMS prioritizes patient safety and quality of care. For residents and their family members, CMS recommends visiting the following website for additional assistance through the relocation process:

- Nursing Home Compare Website

The report of findings associated with this termination action are available through the Region I Regional Office Freedom of Information Officer. Please contact Aaron Smith (617) 565-1263 for additional information.

This 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.html>

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/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/index.html>.

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