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**Termination Notice**

**FOR PUBLICATION: July 1, 2019**

Re: Firststep Healthcare Services Inc.  
1210 Watermoon Court  
Richmond, TX 77469

**LEGAL NOTICE of  
TERMINATION FROM MEDICARE PROGRAM**

Effective January 30, 2019, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services terminated its Medicare/Medicaid agreement with Firststep Healthcare Services Inc. in Richmond, 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 Firststep Healthcare Services Inc. furnishes to patients who are admitted on or after January 30, 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 January 30, 2019.

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