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Termination Notice

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Title Notice to the Public of Gardens at Scranton Involuntary Termination
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Notice to Public of Involuntary Termination of Gardens at Scranton

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notice that on January 19, 2018, the Gardens at Scranton, 824 Adams Avenue, Scranton PA, 18510, 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) terminated on January 19, 2018, 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 after January 19, 2018, although payment may continue for up to 90 calendar days for patients admitted on or before January 19, 2018. 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, the Philadelphia Regional Office, has found that Gardens at Scranton is out of compliance with CMS basic health and safety requirements.

While we understand the 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:

- Nursing Home Compare Website
- Hospital Compare Website

The report of findings associated with this termination action are available through the Philadelphia Regional Office Freedom of Information Officer. Please contact Victoria Collins at 215-861-4328 for additional information.

As of October 1, 2017 (for Ambulatory Surgical Centers [ASCs], Federally Qualified Health Centers [FQHCs], Rural Health Clinics [RHCs] and Organ Procurement Organizations [OPOs]), 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.html>
For more information, please visit www.medicare.gov. To learn more about the termination process, please visit [www https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/index.html](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/index.html).