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**NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION**

**Date** February 15, 2018  
**Title** Notice to the Public of Involuntary Termination of Royal of Westerly Nursing Center (415004), Rhode Island  
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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notice that on March 3, 2018, Royal of Westerly Nursing Center in Rhode Island will no longer participate in the Medicare program. The Medicare provider agreement between Royal of Westerly Nursing Center and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be terminated on March 3, 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 February 17, 2018, although payment may continue for those beneficiaries for a period of up to 30 calendar days after March 3, 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 CMS, Northeast Division of Survey, Certification & Enforcement – Region I/Boston, has found that Royal of Westerly Nursing Center 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

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

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](http://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).

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