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NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION

**Date** October 13, 2017  
**Title** Notice to the Public of Involuntary Termination of Brookside Health & Rehabilitation Center, White River Junction, Vermont  
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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notice that on October 30, 2017, the Brookside Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1200 Christian Street, White River Junction, Vermont 05001, will no longer participate in the Medicare program. The Medicare provider agreement between this Skilled Nursing Facility and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be terminated on October 30, 2017, due to their failure to meet Medicare's basic health and safety requirements for Skilled Nursing Facilities.

The facility has been notified that Medicare will cease to pay for Skilled Nursing Services furnished to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries admitted after October 29, 2017, although payment may continue for up to 30 calendar days for residents admitted on or before October 29, 2017. CMS is committed to resident safety and quality of care. We are closely monitoring the relocation of Medicare and Medicaid residents to other facilities.

CMS requires Skilled Nursing Facilities to meet certain health and safety standards to be certified as a Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility. 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 Boston Regional Office, has found that Brookside Health & Rehabilitation Center is out of compliance with CMS basic health and safety requirements for Skilled Nursing Facilities.

While we understand the relocation of residents can be challenging for all parties involved, CMS prioritizes patient safety and care quality. For residents 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 at 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>.

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