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**North Hollywood Hospice, Inc.
Dba Sweet Touch Hospice
16909 Parthenia St., Suite 204
North Hills, CA 91343**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF
TERMINATION FROM MEDICARE PROGRAM**

Effective on **June 7, 2024**, the Secretary of the Department of Health & Human Services will terminate its Medicare Provider Agreement with North Hollywood Hospice, Inc. Dba Sweet Touch Hospice at approved location in North Hills, California. This action is being taken because this hospice agency was not in compliance with requirements for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs as established by the Social Security Act (Section 1861) and its underlying regulations.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has determined that North Hollywood Hospice, Inc. Dba Sweet Touch Hospice was not in compliance with the following six (6) Medicare Conditions of Participation for Hospice services:

- 42 C.F.R. § 418.52 Patient Rights
- 42 C.F.R. § 418.54 Initial & Comprehensive Assessment of Patient
- 42 C.F.R. § 418.56 Interdisciplinary Group (IDG), Care Planning & Coordination of Services
- 42 C.F.R. § 418.64 Core Services
- 42 C.F.R. § 418.102 Medical Director
- 42 C.F.R. § 418.104 Clinical Records

Medicare and Medicaid programs will not make payments for services furnished to patients who were admitted on or after June 7, 2024. For patients admitted prior to June 7, 2024, payment may be available for up to thirty (30) calendar days after the effective date of termination.

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