



Northeast Survey & Enforcement Division

**LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE of MANDATORY TERMINATION FROM
MEDICARE/MEDIAID PROGRAM**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notice that March 28, 2023, **Peak Healthcare at the Pines located at 610 Dutchman's Lane, Easton, MD 216001**, a skilled nursing facility in the Medicare program, will no longer participate in the Medicare program. The Medicare provider agreement between Peak Healthcare at the Pines and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be terminated on March 28, 2023, due to the facility's failure to meet Medicare's basic health and safety requirements.

In addition, as authorized by the STATE MEDICAID AGENCY, notice is given that the provider's agreement as a nursing facility in the Medicaid program will also be terminated effective March 28, 2023.

The facility has been notified that Medicare will cease to pay for services furnished to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries admitted after March 28, 2023, although payment may continue for up to 30 calendar days for patients admitted on or before December 28, 2022. 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, CMS has found that Peak Healthcare at the Pines is out of compliance with CMS's health and safety requirements. While we understand that 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:

- Care Compare Website: <https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/>
- Maryland Ombudsman: <https://www.aging.maryland.gov>

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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/ProviderEnrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Termination-Notices.html> For more information, please visit <https://www.medicare.gov>.

To learn more about the termination process, please visit <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/index.html>.