

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

IN THE MATTER

OF

RICHARD F. DAINES, M.D., as Commissioner of Health of
the State of New York, to determine the action to be taken
with respect to:

Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center, Inc.

Respondent,

as operator of

Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center
1270 - 67th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11219

STIPULATION

AND

ORDER

HH-09-49

arising out of alleged violations of Article 28 of the Public
Health Law of the State of New York and Title 10 (Health)
of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations
of the State of New York (NYCRR)

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health (the "Department") has
made findings based upon inspections of the Norwegian Christian Home and Health
Center (the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, the Department completed its inspections of the Facility on
August 6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Department's inspection findings included alleged violations of Article 28 of the Public Health Law and 10 NYCRR Part 415; and

WHEREAS, prior to commencement of administrative enforcement action based upon the alleged violations by service of a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges, the Department and the Respondent engaged in settlement discussions; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to resolve this matter by means of a settlement instead of an adversarial administrative hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This matter is settled and discontinued with prejudice. The Department shall not pursue administrative enforcement action against the Respondent pursuant to Article 28 of the Public Health Law and 10 NYCRR Part 415 in connection with the Department's findings based upon the inspections completed on August 6, 2008.

2. The Respondent admits that substantial evidence of violations of 10 NYCRR Part 415 existed under the citations set forth in the attached addendum. The foregoing admission made by the Respondent is solely for the purpose of resolving the instant administrative matter and is not intended for use in any other forum, tribunal or court. Any such admission is without prejudice to the Respondent's rights, defenses and claims in any other matter, proceeding, action, hearing or litigation not involving the Department. It is agreed that the foregoing admission is not intended to be used dispositively or otherwise, regarding any allegations of medical malpractice, personal injury and/or negligence that may be made in a civil action for monetary damages.

3. Pursuant to Sections 12 and 206 of the Public Health Law, a civil penalty of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.) is assessed against Respondent and the Respondent shall pay Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000) of that sum within 15 days after the effective date of this Stipulation and Order. The remaining Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000) shall be suspended provided that the Respondent has no repeat violation of the deficiencies set forth in the attached addendum for a period of two years from the effective date of this Stipulation and Order.

4. Payment of this civil penalty shall be sent by certified mail and shall be made payable to the New York State Department of Health and forwarded to the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Accounts Management, Room 1717, Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12237-0016. Any civil penalty not paid by the date prescribed herein shall be subject to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by the State of New York. This includes, but is not limited to, the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees; referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection and non-renewal of permits or licenses [Tax Law Section 171(27); State Finance Law Section 18; CPLR Section 5001; Executive Law Section 32].

5. In the event of a repeat violation of the deficiencies set forth in the attached addendum within 2 years from the effective date of this Stipulation and Order, the Petitioner shall pay the full amount of the suspended civil penalty within 30 days of the receipt of a final administrative determination that such violation occurred.

6. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude the Department from pursuing any and all sanctions or remedies authorized by the Public Health Law against

any individual employed by or practicing in association with the Facility for any violations identified during the inspections referred to herein. Such sanctions and remedies may include, but are not limited to, administrative proceedings brought pursuant to Public Health Law Section 2803-d (relating to patient abuse, mistreatment or neglect), Public Health Law Section 230 (relating to professional medical conduct) and Public Health Law Article 28-D (relating to the practice of nursing home administration). A copy of this Stipulation and Order shall be sent to the Bureau of Nursing Home Administrator Licensure for whatever action, if any, it may deem appropriate.

7. It is further stipulated and agreed by the Respondent and the Department that there exist valid and sufficient grounds, as a matter of fact and law, for the issuance of this Stipulation and Order under the Public Health Law and the Respondent consents to its issuance, accepts its terms and conditions and waives any right to challenge this Stipulation and Order in a proceeding pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules or in any other action or proceeding.

8. This Stipulation and Order shall be effective upon service on the Respondent or the Respondent's attorney or representative of a copy by personal service or by certified or registered mail.

DATED: , New York
Sept. 21, , 2009

Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center,
Inc.

ERNEST K. RAGIN

BY:

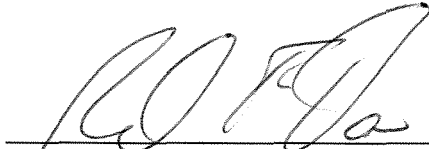
Ernest K. Ragin

AGREED AND SO ORDERED:

DATED: Albany, New York
10/14/2009

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BY:



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Commissioner of Health

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ADDENDUM

Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center, Inc.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Code Cite</u> <u>10 NYCRR</u>	<u>Violation</u>
August 6, 2008	415.12 (h)(1)(2)	Quality of Care: Accidents
	415.26	Organization and Administration