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**VIA REGULAR & CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
ARTICLE # 7011 3500 0000 7163 9544**

February 13, 2023

Centre Park Pharmacy
8885 Centre Park Drive
Columbia, Maryland 21045
Attn: Norman Nicholson, R.Ph., Owner

Re: Permit No. P06971
Case No. 22-382
Findings of Deficiencies and Imposition of Civil Monetary Penalty
By Consent

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

On March 17, 2022, the Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") conducted an annual inspection of Centre Park Pharmacy (the "Pharmacy") to determine whether the pharmacy was in compliance with statutes and regulations governing the operation of a pharmacy. During the inspection, the Board's inspector noted that the Pharmacy was not in compliance with laws regarding medication inventory management and recordkeeping for non-sterile compounded products. Specifically, the Pharmacy's inventory contained approximately 110 expired medications. In addition, the Pharmacy failed to maintain compounding worksheets for its compounded products.

The Board and the Pharmacy participated in a case resolution conference resulting in an agreement to resolve the findings of deficiencies as set forth herein.

I. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

The Board finds that the Pharmacy's inventory contained approximately 110 expired products. The Board also finds that the Pharmacy failed to create and maintain compounding worksheets for non-sterile compounded preparations dispensed at the Pharmacy.

Based upon deficiencies at the Pharmacy, the Board finds that the Pharmacy is in violation of the Maryland Pharmacy Act and the regulations adopted thereunder. Specifically, the Board finds the Pharmacy in violation of Health Occ. Art. §§ 12-403(c)(1), (12) and (13) and COMAR 10.34.10.01B and 10.34.12.

II. CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY

Under Maryland Health Occupations Article § 12-410 and COMAR 10.34.11, the Board of Pharmacy has the authority to impose a civil monetary penalty based upon violations of the Maryland Pharmacy Act.

Based upon the deficiencies reported at the Pharmacy, the Board hereby imposes a **civil monetary penalty of \$250.00**. The deficiencies upon which the civil monetary penalty is based are set forth in the findings above and the Inspection Report, dated March 17, 2022.

In determining the recommended civil monetary penalty, the Board took into consideration the aggregating and mitigating factors outlined in COMAR 10.34.11.08.

III. FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS REQUIRED

The Pharmacy shall submit to the Board **within thirty (30) days** of the date of this action: (i) policies and procedures regarding pharmacy inventory management to include the monitoring, removal and disposition of expired medications and other pharmacy products; and (ii) completed compounding worksheets for five (5) of the most recent compounded products dispensed by the Pharmacy.

Please be advised that the Board of Pharmacy may also perform a follow-up inspection of the Pharmacy to ensure that the deficiencies noted in the Inspection Report have been addressed and corrected. Should the follow-up inspection indicate that the Pharmacy has further deficiencies, the Board may pursue further disciplinary action against the Pharmacy that may result in the imposition of sanctions such as suspension, revocation or additional monetary penalties.

IV. PAYMENT OF MONETARY PENALTY

The Pharmacy has agreed to pay the above civil monetary penalty within thirty (30) days of the date of this Finding, in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the Maryland Board of Pharmacy.

Please mail the check or money order to:

Wells Fargo Bank
Attn: State of MD - Board of Pharmacy
Lockbox 2051
401 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

NOTE: Please include the case number, 22-382, on your check or money order to ensure proper assignment to your case.

Upon the Pharmacy's payment of the civil monetary penalty and submission of the required documents under Section III, this Finding will constitute the Board's final action with respect to the Inspection Report, dated March 17, 2022, and shall be a final order and public document under the Maryland Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., General Provisions Art. § 4-101 *et seq.*, and posted and reported in accordance with State and federal laws.

If you have any questions concerning the instructions contained in this letter, please contact Donna Goldberg, R.Ph., J.D., at 410-764-3768.

Sincerely,



Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.
Executive Director

cc: Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel