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AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

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STATE OF FLORIDA,
AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE
ADMINISTRATION,

Petitioner,

vs.

MELI MEDICAL CENTER, INC.,

Respondent.

MPI Case No.: 2017-0008639

Provider No.: 017424600

License No.: N/A

NPI No.: 1457659310

SUSPENSION FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE is before me for issuance of a Final Order. In a letter dated December 20, 2017, (Ex.1) Meli Medical Center, Inc. (Respondent), was informed that the State of Florida, Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) applied a sanction of \$10,000.00 and suspension from participation in the Florida Medicaid program pursuant to Section 409.913, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 59G-9.070, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The respondent is prohibited from performing any action that results in a claim for payment to the Medicaid program as a result of furnishing, supervising a person who is furnishing, or causing a person to furnish goods or services.

The letter contained full disclosure and notice regarding the Respondent's administrative hearing and due process rights and was sent to the address last shown on the provider's provider enrollment file in compliance with Section 409.913(6), F.S., which specifies that it is "the responsibility of the provider to furnish and keep the agency informed of the provider's current address. United States Postal Service proof of mailing or certified or registered mailing of such notice to the provider at the address shown on the provider enrollment file constitutes sufficient proof of notice." The certified mail receipt is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Ex. 2. To date, the Respondent has not requested a hearing to dispute the facts contained in the letter, and the timeframe within which Respondent had to request a hearing has expired.

FINDINGS OF FACTS

1. The letter disclosed the Respondent's administrative and due process rights and was sent via certified mail to the address last shown on the provider's provider enrollment file. See Ex. 2.
2. The Respondent has not disputed imposition of the sanction as set forth in the letter.

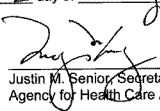
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Agency incorporates and adopts the statements and conclusions of law as set forth in the aforementioned letter.
2. The sanction as set forth in the letter is final.

ORDER

BASED on the foregoing, it is **ORDERED** and **ADJUDGED** that the Respondent refund, forthwith, the sum of \$10,000.00 and is **SUSPENDED** from participation in the Florida Medicaid program pursuant to Rule 59G-9.070, F.A.C.

DONE AND ORDERED this 2 day of February, 2018, in Tallahassee, Florida.


Justin M. Senior, Secretary
Agency for Health Care Administration

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served on the above-named persons by U.S. Mail or interoffice mail as indicated on this the 2nd day of February, 2018.



Richard J. Shoop, Agency Clerk
State of Florida
Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive, Building #3
Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5403
(850) 412-3630

A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO A JUDICIAL REVIEW WHICH SHALL BE INSTITUTED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF AHCA, AND A SECOND COPY ALONG WITH FILING FEE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN THE APPELLATE DISTRICT WHERE THE AGENCY MAINTAINS ITS HEADQUARTERS OR WHERE A PARTY RESIDES. REVIEW PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FLORIDA APPELLATE RULES. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RENDITION OF THE ORDER TO BE REVIEWED.

Copies furnished to:

Meli Medical Center, Inc.
6900 W 32nd Avenue, Suite 12
Hialeah, FL 33018
(U.S. mail)

Christopher A. Parrella, J.D., CHC, CPC, CPCO
The Health Law Offices of Anthony C. Vitale, P.A.
Law Center at Brickell Bay
2333 Brickell Avenue, Suite A1
Miami, FL 33129
(U.S. mail)

Kelly Bennett, Chief
Medicaid Program Integrity
(Interoffice mail)

Bureau of Financial Services
(Interoffice mail)

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Bureau of Health Facility Regulation
(E-mail)

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RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

JUSTIN M. SENIOR
SECRETARY

CERTIFIED MAIL NO.: 91 7108 2133 3932 8801 0254

December 20, 2017

Meli Medical Center, Inc.
6900 W 32nd Avenue, Suite 12
Hialeah, FL 33018

Provider No.: 017424600
MPI Case No.: 2017-0008639

License No.: N/A
NPI No.: 1457659310

In Reply Refer to: Suspension from Participation

Dear Provider:

Our records indicate that you submitted materially false or materially incorrect information on your Medicaid provider enrollment application. Specifically, we have information that Orlando Chillon, owner of Meli Medical Center, Inc., failed to disclose that his Registered Plumbing Contractor license (No.: RF11067325) was previously revoked by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation on March 29, 2007.

In accordance with Section 409.913(15)(i), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 59G-9.070(7)(i), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) shall apply sanctions for violations of federal and state laws. This letter shall serve as notice that the Agency is hereby imposing the following sanction(s):

- **A fine of \$10,000.00 and suspension from participation** in the Medicaid program pursuant to Rule 59G-9.070(7)(i), F.A.C.

Please remit a certified check in the amount of \$10,000.00. The check must be payable to the **Florida Agency for Health Care Administration**. Questions regarding procedures for submitting payment should be directed to Medicaid Accounts Receivable, (850) 412-3848. To ensure proper credit, be certain your provider number and the MPI case number (2017-0008639) are shown on your check. Please mail payment to:

Medicaid Accounts Receivable - MS # 14
Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive Bldg. 2, Ste. 200
Tallahassee, FL 32308

If payment is not received, or arranged for, within 30 days of receipt of this letter, the Agency may withhold Medicaid payments or impose additional sanctions, which include, but are not limited to, fines, suspension, and termination from the Medicaid Program.



F. 1

You have the right to request a formal or informal hearing pursuant to Section 120.569, F.S. If a request for a formal hearing is made, the petition must be made in compliance with Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C. and mediation may be available. If a request for an informal hearing is made, the petition must be made in compliance with Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C. Additionally, you are hereby informed that if a request for a hearing is made, the petition must be **received by the Agency** within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this letter. **For more information regarding your hearing and mediation rights, please see the attached Notice of Administrative Hearing and Mediation Rights.**

This correspondence is being sent to the address last shown on your provider enrollment file in compliance with Section 409.913(6), F.S. Section 409.913(12), F.S., provides exemptions from the provisions of Section 119.07(1), F.S., for the complaint and all information obtained pursuant to an investigation of a Medicaid provider relating to an allegation of fraud, abuse, or neglect. The Agency has made the determination that your violation(s) of Medicaid policy constitute abuse as referenced in Section 409.913, F.S. Thus, all information obtained pursuant to this review is confidential and exempt from the provisions of Section 119.07(1), F.S., until the Agency takes final agency action with respect to the provider and requires repayment of any overpayment or imposes an administrative sanction by Final Order.

Any questions you may have about this matter should be directed to: **Tim Helms, AHCA Administrator, Agency for Health Care Administration, Medicaid Program Integrity, 2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop #6, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-5403, telephone (850) 412-4600, facsimile (850) 410-1972.**

Sincerely,



Tim Helms, MHSc, AHFI
AHCA Administrator
Medicaid Program Integrity

TH/cl/ap

Notice: Section 409.913(16), F.S., provides the authority for the Agency to impose the sanction of termination for cause if a provider voluntarily relinquishes its Medicaid provider number or an associated license, or allows the associated licensure to expire after receiving written notice that the Agency is conducting, or has conducted, an audit, survey, inspection, or investigation and that a sanction of suspension or termination will or would be imposed for noncompliance discovered as a result of the audit, survey, inspection, or investigation. This is notice that the Agency is conducting an audit, survey, inspection, or investigation within the meaning of 409.913(16), F.S. Accordingly, if you voluntarily terminate your Medicaid provider number, voluntarily relinquish an associated license, or allow an associated license to expire following receipt of this notice but prior to the conclusion of this audit, survey, inspection, or investigation, said action will result in the imposition of the sanction of termination for cause from the Medicaid program.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING AND MEDIATION RIGHTS

You have the right to request an administrative hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. If you disagree with the facts stated in the foregoing Final Audit Report (hereinafter FAR), you may request a formal administrative hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes. If you do not dispute the facts stated in the FAR, but believe there are additional reasons to grant the relief you seek, you may request an informal administrative hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes. Additionally, pursuant to Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, mediation may be available if you have chosen a formal administrative hearing, as discussed more fully below.

The written request for an administrative hearing must conform to the requirements of either Rule 28-106.201(2) or Rule 28-106.301(2), Florida Administrative Code, and must be received by the Agency for Health Care Administration by 5:00 P.M. no later than 21 days after you received the FAR. The address for filing the written request for an administrative hearing is:

Richard J. Shoop, Esquire
Agency Clerk
Agency for Health Care Administration
2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop # 3
Tallahassee, Florida 32308
Fax: (850) 921-0158
Phone: (850) 412-3630
E-File Website: <http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/Efile>

Petitions for hearing filed pursuant to the administrative process of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes may be filed with the Agency by U.S. mail or courier sent to the Agency Clerk at the address listed above, by hand delivery at the address listed above, by facsimile transmission to (850) 921-0158, or by electronic filing through the Agency's website at <http://apps.ahca.myflorida.com/Efile>.

The request must be legible, on 8 ½ by 11-inch white paper, and contain:

1. Your name, address, telephone number, any Agency identifying number on the FAR, if known, and name, address, and telephone number of your representative, if any;
2. An explanation of how your substantial interests will be affected by the action described in the FAR;
3. A statement of when and how you received the FAR;
4. For a request for formal hearing, a statement of all disputed issues of material fact;
5. For a request for formal hearing, a concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, as well as the rules and statutes which entitle you to relief;
6. For a request for formal hearing, whether you request mediation, if it is available;
7. For a request for informal hearing, what bases support an adjustment to the amount owed to the Agency; and
8. A demand for relief.

A formal hearing will be held if there are disputed issues of material fact. Additionally, mediation may be available in conjunction with a formal hearing. Mediation is a way to use a neutral third party to assist the parties in a legal or administrative proceeding to reach a settlement of their case. If you and the Agency agree to mediation, it does not mean that you give up the right to a hearing. Rather, you and the Agency will try to settle your case first with mediation.

If you request mediation, and the Agency agrees to it, you will be contacted by the Agency to set up a time for the mediation and to enter into a mediation agreement. If a mediation agreement is not reached within 10 days following the request for mediation, the matter will proceed without mediation. The mediation must be concluded within 60 days of having entered into the agreement, unless you and the Agency agree to a different time period. The mediation agreement between you and the Agency will include provisions for selecting the mediator, the allocation of costs and fees associated with the mediation, and the confidentiality of discussions and documents involved in the mediation. Mediators charge hourly fees that must be shared equally by you and the Agency.

If a written request for an administrative hearing is not timely received you will have waived your right to have the intended action reviewed pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and the action set forth in the FAR shall be conclusive and final.

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