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RE: REVISED SANCTION - Docket No. OSAH-DCH-HFR-ASTC-1406314-60-Kennedy

Dear Ms. Marting and Ms. Linn:

This letter responds to the order issued by Judge Kennedy of the Office of State Administrative Hearings on November 24, 2014, remanding this matter to the Georgia Department of Community Health ("the Department") to revise its sanction against Atlanta Women's Medical Center ("AWMC"), within 45 days of the Judge's order. The sanction shall be revised as described herein.

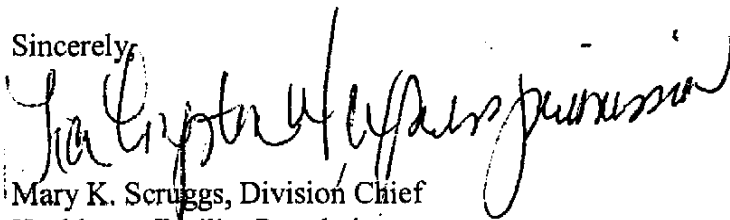
The court found that AWMC violated the Department's rules and regulations that govern ambulatory surgical treatment centers by continuing to operate on the second floor of a two-story building without an elevator and without an active waiver of Rule 111-8-4-.10(f), which requires elevator access within multi-story buildings. However, the court determined the violation did not rise to the level of a Category I violation but was more appropriately categorized as a Category III violation. Categories of violations have been defined by rule in Chapter 111-8-25, Enforcement of General Licensing and Enforcement Requirements. A Category I violation is defined as a "violation or combination of violations of licensing requirements which has caused death or serious physical or emotional harm to a person or persons in care or poses an imminent and serious threat or hazard to the physical or emotional health and safety of one or more persons in care." A Category III violation is defined as a "violation or combination of violations of licensing requirements which indirectly or over a period of time has or is likely to have an adverse effect on the physical or emotional health and safety of a person or persons in care, or a violation or violations of administrative, reporting, or notice requirements."

The court further concluded that the Department must reconsider the decision to suspend AWMC's license indefinitely until an elevator is installed at the current location or AWMC moves its offices to the ground floor in light of the court's findings that the violation at issue does not constitute an imminent or serious threat to patient health or safety. The court determined there was no imminent or serious threat given the conditions that AWMC has in place to ensure that all patients are escorted out of the building, which AWMC states has been successfully implemented for 18 years without adverse impact to any patient.

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For the foregoing reasons, the attached Statement of Deficiency issued by the Department following the October 15, 2012 onsite monitoring visit has been revised to reflect that the violation of Rule 111-8-4-.10(f) is a Category III violation. Further, the Department's letter dated December 11, 2012, providing notice of intent to impose a \$601.00 fine and indefinitely suspend APMC's license is hereby rescinded. The revised sanction for APMC's Category III violation is APMC's submission of a written plan of correction. As APMC previously submitted a written plan of correction for this specific violation, APMC is not required to resubmit the plan of correction. APMC's most recent written plan of correction, which was accepted by the Department via letter dated July 22, 2014, shall govern. Should you have any questions, you may contact me at 404-657-5701.

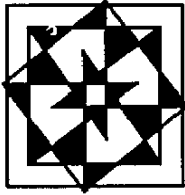
Sincerely,



Mary K. Scruggs, Division Chief
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Enclosure (1)

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Governing Body of Atlanta Women's Center has appointed Ruth Arick to serve as Acting Administrator until we secure someone in the position permanently as soon as possible. In compliance with state code 290-5-33-.11 the Governing Body has designated AWC's Director of Nursing, Mark-Christopher Adams, DNP, MHA, MS, BS, APRN, WHNP-BC, NP-C, CNS and Director of Patient Services, Temara Hold, MA to act for the Administrator in her absence.

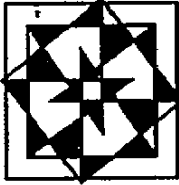
If you should require any additional information, you may contact me at 856-356-4000 or email ebarnes@thewomenscenters.com

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Governing Body of Atlanta Women's Center has appointed Mark-Christopher Adams, DNP, MHA, MS, BS, APRN, WHNP-BC, NP-C, CNS to serve as Chief Clinical Administrator. In compliance with state code 290-5-33-.11 the Governing Body has designated AWC's Director of Center Operations, Melissa Hardman, MCLRA, and Director of Patient Services, Temara Hold, MA to act for the Administrator in his absence.

If you should require any additional information, you may contact me at 856-356-4000 or email ebarnes@thewomenscenters.com

Sincerely,

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