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Vesper Hospice Care, Inc. 315 W. Carson St., Suite 202 Carson, CA 90745

## LEGAL NOTICE OF TERMINATION FROM MEDICARE PROGRAM

Effective on **July 3, 2023**, the Secretary of the Department of Health & Human Services will terminate its Medicare Provider Agreement with Vesper Hospice Care, Inc. (Approved location: 6740 Vesper Ave., Suite 201, Van Nuys, CA 91405) at unapproved location in Carson, California. This action is being taken because this hospice agency is not in compliance with requirements for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs as established by the Social Security Act (Section 1861) and its underlying regulations.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has determined that Vesper Hospice Care, Inc. is sharing staffing with three other hospices with the same ownership all with the same ownership and was not in compliance with the following Medicare Conditions of Participation for Hospice services:

42 C.F.R. § 418.54 Initial & Comprehensive Assess of Patient 42 C.F.R. § 418.100 Organization and Administration Services 42 C.F.R. § 418.104 Clinical Records

Medicare and Medicaid programs will not make payments for services furnished to patients who were admitted on or after July 3, 2023. For patients admitted prior to July 3, 2023, payment may be available for up to thirty (30) calendar days after the effective date of termination.

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