



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 2, 2015

Contact: Sarana Schell, 907-269-8041, Cell 907-398-1480, [sarana.schell@alaska.gov](mailto:sarana.schell@alaska.gov)  
Dawnell Smith, 907-269-4541, Cell 907-529-1520, [dawnell.smith@alaska.gov](mailto:dawnell.smith@alaska.gov)

## **Anchorage long-term care facility corrects faults**

*State health department maintains Prestige Care and Rehabilitation Center license suspension*

ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services congratulates Prestige Care and Rehabilitation Center on correcting the operational problems that led the state to suspend the facility's license and install a temporary manager May 15, 2015.

“Prestige has cooperated fully with our recommendations and done a tremendous amount of work,” said Margaret Brodie, director of the department's Health Care Services division. “We appreciate their effort.”

The facility has been operating under a 180-day temporary license, and remains provisionally licensed.

“We will keep their license in a provisional status until we see that the improvements are being maintained,” Brodie said.

The state and federal inspection resulted in more than 50 citations and noted seven issues that put residents' health in immediate jeopardy. Details of the inspection results are confidential until Prestige has had a chance to appeal the inspection results and license revocation. Inspection results are scheduled to be made public Aug. 11, 2015.

The department's inspection team included two representatives from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Seattle-based Western Regional Office.

The state licenses facilities for operation; CMS certifies facilities to receive Medicare and Medicaid payments. The agencies make the decision together to either close a health care facility or install temporary management.

Members of the public concerned about the welfare of a vulnerable adult in any health care facility should call Adult Protective Services, 1-800-478-9996, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If someone is at immediate risk of harm, call 911.

###