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Abbott Terrace Preparing for Resident Care Transition
CMS moves forward with terminating participation

WATERBURY, Conn. – September 25, 2024: Abbott Terrace, a 205-bed skilled nursing facility located in Waterbury, is preparing for a transition of its residents to other settings in response to notice from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) terminating its participation in the program. While the notice initially offered a 30-day notice window on September 11, 2024, the facility has been issued a new termination date of October 9, 2024. As a result, Abbott Terrace is planning for a transition of all current residents by November 8.

During the past several months, the Abbott Terrace team has undertaken comprehensive efforts to assure compliance with all CMS facility regulations. We are disappointed by this decision to end reimbursement for care provided to Medicare or Medicaid residents. This heartbreaking reality means that we will no longer be able to continue operations, as the majority of our residents rely on these essential programs for their care.

During this incredibly challenging time, our focus remains steadfast on our residents, their families, and our employees. We are committed to working closely with each resident and their responsible parties to help them find suitable care at other facilities. We are equally devoted to supporting our staff—many of whom have served this community for decades—with employment opportunities, either within Athena’s network or locally.

Abbott Terrace is home to 166 residents, many of whom have complex needs, including behavioral health challenges, substance use disorders, and dementia. We understand how difficult it will be to find appropriate accommodations, particularly for those in need of secure dementia care. Our staff has identified 110-skilled nursing beds within a 15-mile radius of the facility, but none are available in secure dementia units.

We are deeply saddened by this news and the impact it will have on our entire community. With 287 dedicated employees, including 11 team members who have been with us for 30-38 years and many others who have provided long-term service, this closure marks a significant loss for everyone connected to Abbott Terrace.

Together, we will face this transition with the same compassion, commitment, and care that has defined Abbott Terrace for nearly 40 years.

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About Abbott Terrace Health Care Center

Abbott Terrace Health Care Center is located at 44 Abbott Terrace, in Waterbury, Connecticut. Abbott Terrace offers services in short and long-term rehabilitation, respite, and hospice care. For more information regarding Abbott Terrace Health Care Center, its programs and services, patient admissions placement or career opportunities, please visit abbottterrace.com, or call 203.755.4870.