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CERTIFIED MAIL:

DATE

Mr. Godfrey Nwogene  
Executive Director  
Pride Health Services, Inc.  
8619 South Crenshaw Boulevard  
Inglewood, California 90305

**Re: Notice of Temporary Suspension of Drug Medi-Cal Provider Numbers: 6787 and 7046**

Dear Mr. Nwogene:

On numerous PSPP reviews beginning in 2005 up to and including May 2011, you have failed to remediate severe deficiencies cited by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, Drug Medi-Cal Unit (DADP) and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (LADPH) at both parent sites listed above.

The Department of Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP), Drug Medi-Cal Program by this notice and in accordance with the **Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.7 (c)**, which provides for a temporary suspension where a provider fails to remediate significant discrepancies that are discovered as a result of an unannounced or announced visit to the provider, is hereby temporarily suspending and deactivating the Medi-Cal provider numbers noted above.

The temporary suspension will take effect on ( ); which is 15 days from this notification, in accordance with **Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.36(b)**. During the time that Pride Health Services, Inc. is temporarily suspended from the Drug Medi-Cal Program (DMC), services rendered may not be billed to the program by this provider, businesses owned by this provider, or by anyone else under these DMC provider numbers.

**Appeal Rights**

If you disagree with this action, you have the right to appeal the temporary suspension and deactivation pursuant to **Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.65**. This appeal procedure does not include a formal administrative hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Also, an appeal will not result in the reactivation of any deactivated provider number(s) during this appeal process. If you decide to appeal the temporary suspension and deactivation, you must submit a written appeal including all pertinent documents, and all other relevant evidence for consideration within **60 days of the date of this Notification letter**.



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Please submit your original appeal request, all pertinent documents and all other relevant evidence to:

Office of Administrative Hearings and Appeals  
Department of Health Care Service  
1029 J Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, California 95814

Also, please submit your original appeal request, all pertinent documents and all other relevant evidence to:

Millicent Gomes, Acting Deputy Director  
Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs  
Licensing and Certification Division  
1700 K Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, California 95811

Upon receipt of all pertinent documents and all other relevant evidence supporting an appeal, the Director of the Dept. of Health Care Services (DHCS), or the Director's designee within the DHCS, Office of Administrative Hearings and Appeals, shall review all relevant materials submitted, and shall issue a decision within **90 days of the receipt of the appeal. This decision shall be final.** Any other appeal must be filed in Superior Court in accordance with **Section 1085 of the Code of Civil Procedure.**

This temporary suspension and deactivation will continue until the Director of ADP determines that you have remedied all deficiencies, or after legal proceedings related to this matter are completed.

Please be advised that the submission of claims for services, which were not provided as claimed, are not reimbursable under the DMC Program, or which were claimed in violation of an agreement with the State, may subject you and/or your organization to civil money penalties in accordance with **Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123.2 and/or Section 14123.25.**

If you have any questions, please contact Osiris Shabaaz, Manager of the Program Compliance Branch at (916) 324-9659.

Sincerely,

Millicent Gomes  
Acting Deputy Director  
Licensing and Certification Division

Enclosures

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