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**STATE OF DELAWARE
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS**

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

**Examination of
New Castle Health and Rehabilitation Center**
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022



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Independent Accountant's Report

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Department of Health and Social Services
Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance
Medicaid's Long Term Care Facilities
1901 N. Dupont Highway, Lewis Building
New Castle, DE 19720

Provider: New Castle Health and Rehabilitation Center
Period: Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

We have examined management's assertions that New Castle Health and Rehabilitation Center (Provider) has complied with federal requirements (42 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 447.253 and 483 Subpart B) and state requirements (Title XIX Delaware Medicaid State Plan, Attachment 4.19D) (criteria), as applicable, relative to the Provider's fiscal records of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Social Services, Medicaid Long-Term Care Facilities' Statement of Reimbursement Costs for Skilled and Intermediate Care Nursing Facilities – Title XIX and Nursing Wage Survey (cost report and survey, respectively) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The Provider's management is responsible for the assertions and the information contained in the cost report and survey, which were reported to DHSS for purposes of the criteria described above. The criteria was used to prepare the Schedule of Adjustments to the Trial Balance, Patient Days, and Nursing Wage Survey. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the assertions based on our examination.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our engagement.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertions are in accordance with the criteria in all material respects. An examination includes performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's assertions. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our professional judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertions, whether due to fraud or error. We believe the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The accompanying Schedule of Adjustments to the Trial Balance, Patient Days, and Nursing Wage Survey were prepared from information contained in the Provider's cost report for the purpose of complying with the DHSS's requirements for the Medicaid program reimbursement, and is not intended to be a complete presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The items listed as adjustments on the accompanying Schedule of Adjustments to the Trial Balance, Patient Days, and Nursing Wage Survey do not materially impact the Provider's assertion.

In our opinion, management's assertions, referred to above, are presented in accordance with the criteria, in all material respects.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we also issued our report dated December 1, 2025 on our consideration of the Provider's internal control over reporting for the cost report and survey and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting and compliance. That report is an integral part of an examination performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our examination.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the State of Delaware Office of Auditor of Accounts, DHSS, Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance, and Medicaid's Long Term Care Facilities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties. However, under 29 Del. C. §10002, this report is public record and its distribution is not limited. This report, as required by statute, was provided to the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Controller General, the Office of the Attorney General, the General Assembly, and the Office of Management and Budget.

Myers and Stauffer LC

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Owings Mills, Maryland
December 1, 2025

New Castle Health and Rehabilitation Center
Schedule of Adjustments to the Trial Balance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Type of Cost	Description	Reported Amounts	Adjustment Amounts	Adjusted Amounts
Expenses				
Primary Patient Care Costs per Trial Balance of Costs		\$ 4,502,570		
	Adjustments to Primary Patient Care Costs			
	None		\$ -	
Net Primary Patient Care Costs		\$ 4,502,570	\$ -	\$ 4,502,570
Primary Patient Care Cost Per Day (*)		\$ 115.0	\$ -	\$ 114.2
Secondary Patient Care Costs per Trial Balance of Costs		\$ 587,551		
	Adjustments to Secondary Patient Care Costs			
1	To reclassify patient billable costs to the appropriate cost center		\$ (16,266)	
Net Secondary Patient Care Costs		\$ 587,551	\$ (16,266)	\$ 571,285
Secondary Patient Care Cost Per Day (*)		\$ 15.0	\$ (0.4)	\$ 14.5
Support Service Costs per Trial Balance of Costs		\$ 1,402,457		
	Adjustments to Support Service Costs			
	None		\$ -	
Net Support Service Costs		\$ 1,402,457	\$ -	\$ 1,402,457
Support Service Cost Per Day (*)		\$ 35.8	\$ -	\$ 35.6
Administrative & Routine Costs per Trial Balance of Costs		\$ 2,261,366		
	Adjustments to Administrative & Routine Costs			
4	To adjust to remove duplicated expense		\$ (5,922)	
5	To reclassify property insurance to the appropriate cost center		\$ (21,737)	
6	To remove telephone expense related to personal patient use		\$ (10,368)	
7	To remove direct home office allocations not adequately documented		\$ (115,670)	
Net Administrative & Routine Costs		\$ 2,261,366	\$ (153,697)	\$ 2,107,669
Administrative & Routine Cost Per Day (*)		\$ 57.8	\$ (3.9)	\$ 53.5

(*) Adjusted Cost Per Day is calculated utilizing days at minimum occupancy.

New Castle Health and Rehabilitation Center
Schedule of Adjustments to the Trial Balance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Type of Cost	Description	Reported Amounts	Adjustment Amounts	Adjusted Amounts
Expenses				
Capital Costs per Trial Balance of Costs		\$ 2,373,422		
	Adjustments to Capital Costs			
2	To remove cable television expense related to personal patient use		\$ (15,688)	
3	To reclassify patient billable costs to the appropriate cost center		\$ (4,365)	
5	To reclassify property insurance to the appropriate cost center		\$ 21,737	
8	To adjust the home office pass down expense to the verified amount		\$ (2,518)	
Net Capital Costs		\$ 2,373,422	\$ (834)	\$ 2,372,588
Net Capital Cost Per Day (*)		\$ 60.6	\$ (0.0)	\$ 60.2
Ancillary Costs per Trial Balance of Costs		\$ 565,288		
	Adjustments to Ancillary Costs			
1	To reclassify patient billable costs to the appropriate cost center		\$ 16,266	
3	To reclassify patient billable costs to the appropriate cost center		\$ 4,365	
Net Ancillary Costs		\$ 565,288	\$ 20,631	\$ 585,919
Ancillary Cost Per Day (*)		\$ 14.4	\$ 0.5	\$ 14.9
Other Costs per Trial Balance of Costs		\$ -		
	Adjustments to Other Costs			
	None		\$ -	
Net Other Costs		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Cost Per Day (*)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

(*) Adjusted Cost Per Day is calculated utilizing days at minimum occupancy.

New Castle Health and Rehabilitation Center Schedule of Adjustments to Patient Days for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022				
Census Type	Description	Reported Amounts	Adjustment Amounts	Adjusted Amounts
Census				
Bed days available				43,800
Medicaid Non-Super Skilled Patient Days		34,049		
	Adjustments to Medicaid Patient Days		-	
Medicaid Super Skilled Patient Days		-		
	Adjustments to Medicaid Super Skilled Patient Days		-	
Medicare Patient Days		2,031		
	Adjustments to Medicare Patient Days		-	
Private Pay Patient Days		1,670		
	Adjustments to Private Pay Patient Days		-	
Medicare/Private Pay Hospice Patient Days		62		
	Adjustments to Medicare/Private Pay Hospice Patient Days		-	
Other Patient Days		1,332		
	Adjustments to Other Patient Days		-	
Total Patient Days		39,144	-	39,144
Minimum Occupancy				39,420

New Castle Health and Rehabilitation Center Schedule of Adjustments to the Nursing Wage Survey for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022				
Nurse Type	Description	Reported Amounts	Adjustment Amounts	Adjusted Amounts
Nursing Wage Survey				
II-A Administrative Nurses				
	Director of Nursing - Number Paid	1	-	1
	Director of Nursing - Total Payroll	\$ 6,410	\$ -	\$ 6,410
	Director of Nursing - Total Hours	80.0	-	80.0
	Assistant Director of Nursing - Number Paid	2	-	2
	Assistant Director of Nursing - Total Payroll	\$ 10,260	\$ -	\$ 10,260
	Assistant Director of Nursing - Total Hours	160.0	-	160.0
	Registered Nurses - Number Paid	1	-	1
	Registered Nurses - Total Payroll	\$ 3,953	\$ -	\$ 3,953
	Registered Nurses - Total Hours	80.0	-	80.0
	Licensed Practical Nurses - Number Paid	1	-	1
	Licensed Practical Nurses - Total Payroll	\$ 4,600	\$ -	\$ 4,600
	Licensed Practical Nurses - Total Hours	103.5	-	103.5
	Nurse Aides - Number Paid	-	-	-
	Nurse Aides - Total Payroll	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Nurse Aides - Total Hours	-	-	-
II-B All Remaining Nursing Staff				
	Registered Nurses - Number Paid	5	-	5
	Registered Nurses - Total Payroll	\$ 13,576	\$ -	\$ 13,576
	Registered Nurses - Total Hours	288.8	-	288.8
	Licensed Practical Nurses - Number Paid	19	-	19
	Licensed Practical Nurses - Total Payroll	\$ 67,987	\$ -	\$ 67,987
	Licensed Practical Nurses - Total Hours	1,641.8	-	1,641.8
	Nurse Aides - Number Paid	42	-	42
	Nurse Aides - Total Payroll	\$ 67,257	\$ -	\$ 67,257
	Nurse Aides - Total Hours	3,181.3	-	3,181.3

Commentary

- 1) The provider was unable to support billing records and Medicaid eligibility due to a change in vendor.
- 2) Routine revenue could not be reconciled within a reasonable tolerance.



Independent Accountant’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Examination of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

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Internal Control Over Reporting

In planning and performing our examination, we considered the Provider’s internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our examination procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on management’s assertions, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Provider’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Provider’s internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the cost report or survey will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We

did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Provider's cost report and survey are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of reported amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our examination, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance detailed on the schedule of findings that warrant the attention of those charged with governance. These findings do not materially impact the Provider's assertion and are not required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Provider's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an examination performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Provider's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the State of Delaware Office of Auditor of Accounts, DHSS, Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance, and Medicaid's Long Term Care Facilities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties. However, under 29 Del. C. §10002, this report is public record and its distribution is not limited. This report, as required by statute, was provided to the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Controller General, Office of the Attorney General, the General Assembly, and the Office of Management and Budget.

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Owings Mills, Maryland
December 1, 2025

New Castle Health and Rehabilitation Center
Schedule of Findings for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Findings and Responses

Finding 22-01 **Adjustment Number(s) Impacted: 1, 3, and 5**

Condition: The provider grouped patient billable costs and property insurance expense to improper cost centers.

Criteria: The State of Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance Medicaid Cost Report Instructions for Nursing Facilities provides descriptions, by cost center line, for the appropriate grouping of expense. Patient billable costs and property insurance expense are to be grouped to the ancillary and capital cost centers, respectively.

Cause: Management's working trial balance account grouping to the cost report does not align with the requirements in the Medicaid cost report instructions.

Effect: Management did not properly group expense, resulting in a compliance finding. The calculated reimbursement rates submitted on the cost report for the capital and ancillary cost centers are understated, while the secondary and administrative and routine cost centers are overstated.

Recommendation: Management should submit expenses on the Medicaid cost report in accordance with account groupings identified in the State of Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance Medicaid Cost Report Instructions for Nursing Facilities.

Management's Response: Management has reviewed the finding and will be guided by the recommendation.

Finding 22-02 **Adjustment Number(s) Impacted: 2, 4, and 6**

Condition: The provider included non-allowable personal patient use cable television and telephone expense with reimbursable cost and submitted an allowable expense twice on the cost report.

Criteria: Provider Reimbursement Manual 15-1, Chapter 21, Section 2106.1 requires the removal from allowable costs any costs of items or services, such as telephone, television, and radio that are located in patient accommodations and furnished solely for the personal comfort of the patients.

 Provider Reimbursement Manual 15-1, Chapter 23, Section 2304 states that cost information as developed by the provider must be current, accurate, and sufficient detail to support payments made for services rendered to beneficiaries.

Cause: Non-allowable and duplicated expenses were submitted with allowable costs on the State of Delaware Medicaid Cost Report.

Effect: Management did not properly address non-allowable and duplicated expense, resulting in a compliance finding. The calculated reimbursement rates submitted on the cost report for the administrative and routine and capital cost centers are overstated.

Recommendation: Management should review submitted cost report expense to ensure they are appropriate when completing the State of Delaware Medicaid Cost Report.

Management's Response: Management has reviewed the finding and will be guided by the recommendation.

Finding 22-03 Adjustment Number(s) Impacted: 7 and 8

Condition: The provider's cost report adjustment to include allocated home office expense was not adequately documented and not calculated properly.

Criteria: The State of Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance Medicaid Cost Report Instructions for Nursing Facilities states that the Medicaid Cost Report for Nursing Facilities must be supported by a trial balance and necessary schedules. The facility should have internal controls in place to ensure that the trial balance and schedules are available for audit by the State of Delaware Medicaid Agency or its designated representative for a period of five years after the date of filing of the Medicaid Cost Report.

 Provider Reimbursement Manual 15-1, Chapter 21, Section 2150.3D states that for home office accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 1983, pooled home office costs must be allocated on the basis of inpatient days, provided the entire chain consists solely of comparable inpatient health care facilities (e.g., the entire chain is composed solely of short term inpatient hospitals). Where this situation exists, each facility in the chain would share in the pooled costs in the same proportion that its total inpatient days bears to the total inpatient days of all the facilities in the chain.

Cause: The direct home office expense allocations were not supported and the non-capital home office adjustment was improperly calculated due to incorrect patient day information included for pooled cost allocations.

Effect: Management did not properly support direct home office expense allocations and the non-capital home office adjustment used incorrect patient days for pooled cost allocations, resulting in a compliance finding. The calculated reimbursement rates submitted on the cost report for the administrative and routine and capital cost centers are overstated.

Recommendation: Management should submit home office costs in accordance with appropriate regulations.

Management's Response: Management has reviewed the finding and will be guided by the recommendation.

Finding 22-04 Comment Number(s) Impacted: 2

Condition: The provider did not provide supporting documentation for variances noted when calculating routine revenue.

Criteria: The State of Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance Medicaid Cost Report Instructions for Nursing Facilities states that the Medicaid Cost Report for Nursing Facilities must be supported by a trial balance and necessary schedules. The facility should have internal controls in place to ensure that the trial balance and schedules are available for audit by the State of Delaware Medicaid Agency or its designated representative for a period of five years after the date of filing of the Medicaid Cost Report.

Cause: Management provided supporting documentation that did not reconcile to the cost report, resulting in a compliance finding.

Effect: We were unable to reconcile to submitted routine revenue on the cost report. This creates risk related to revenue offsets against expense as revenue may be improperly stated.

Recommendation: Management should ensure that internal control policies over record retention are in place to comply with the five year record retention

Management's Response: Management has reviewed the finding and will be guided by the recommendation.