


**Examination of Little Sisters of
the Poor, Inc. Long-Term
Healthcare Facility**

**Medicaid Cost Report
and Nursing Wage Survey**

June 30, 2016



Little Sisters of the Poor, Inc. Long-Term Healthcare Facility

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Independent Accountant's Report

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We have examined management's assertions that Little Sisters of the Poor, Inc. (the "Facility") has complied with federal requirements (42 CFR 447.253 and 483 Subpart B) and state requirements (Title XIX Delaware Medicaid State Plan, Attachment 4.19D), as applicable, relative to the Facility'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 ("Statement" and "Survey", respectively) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The Facility's management is responsible for the assertions. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the assertions based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and United States Government Accountability Office, *Government Auditing Standards* and accordingly included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting management's assertions and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination was limited in that we were unable to obtain sufficient information relating to facility costs incurred and patient census data in order to adequately test the underlying data used to prepare the Statement and Survey.

Because of the restriction on the scope of our examination discussed in the preceding paragraph, the scope of our work was not sufficient to enable us to express, and we do not express, an opinion on whether management's assertions referred to above are fairly stated, in a material respects, based on the federal requirements (42 CFR 447.253 and 483 Subpart B) and state requirements (Title XIX Delaware Medicaid State Plan, Attachment 4.19D).



In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we also issued our report dated May 19, 2021 on our consideration of the Facility's internal control over reporting for the Statement 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 Office of Auditor of Accounts of the State of Delaware, the Department of Health and Social Services of the State of Delaware, the Board of Directors and management of the Facility, Office of the Governor, Office of the Controller General, Office of the Attorney General, Office of Management and Budget, Office of the State Treasurer and the Department of Finance. However, under 29 Del. C., Section 10002, this report is available to the public and its distribution is not limited.

BDO USA, LLP

May 19, 2021

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Schedule of Adjustments to the Statement of Reimbursement Cost for Skilled and Intermediate Care Nursing Facilities - Title XIX and the Nursing Wage Survey

Year ended June 30, 2016

Description	Page	Line	As Filed Amounts	Examination Adjustments		Adjusted Amounts	Adjusted Cost Per Day	Note Ref.
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<u>PART I - COST REPORT TRIAL BALANCE AND ADJUSTMENTS</u>								
<i>Primary Patient Care Costs (lines 1-5)</i>								
Nursing Staff Salaries								
Agency Costs	2	1a	\$ 796	\$ -	\$ 796.00			
Staff Nurse	2	1b	1,558,269	-	1,558,269			
			1,559,065	-	1,559,065			
Nursing Staff Benefits	2	2	219,515	-	219,515			
Nursing Training Salaries	2	3	2,241	-	2,241			
Other	2	4	-	-	-			
Subtotal - Primary Patient Care Costs	2	5	1,780,821	-	1,780,821		\$ 123.30	
<i>Secondary Patient Care Costs (lines 6-14)</i>								
Clinical Consultants	2	6	5,290	-	5,290			
Social Services	2	7	79,254	-	79,254			
Employee Benefits	2	8	13,870	-	13,870			
Raw Food	2	9	72,272	-	72,272			
Medical Supplies	2	10	5,201	-	5,201			
Pharmacy	2	11	10,828	-	10,828			
Other - Allowable Ancillary	2	12	41,357	-	41,357			
Subtotal - Secondary Patient Care Costs	2	14	228,072	-	228,072		15.79	
<i>Support Service Costs (lines 15-22)</i>								
Dietary	2	15	343,447	-	343,447			
Operation and Maintenance of Facility	2	16	289,617	-	289,617			
Housekeeping	2	17	210,030	-	210,030			
Laundry & Linen	2	18	31,074	-	31,074			
Patient Recreation	2	19	72,300	-	72,300			
Employee Benefits	2	20	136,822	-	136,822			
Other	2	21	-	-	-			
Subtotal - Support Service Costs	2	22	1,083,290	-	1,083,290		75.00	

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<i>Administrative & Routine Costs (lines 23-32)</i>								
Owner/Executive Director Salary	2	23	-		-	-		
Medical and Nursing Director Salary	2	24	136,276		-	136,276		
Other Administrative Salaries	2	25	362,617		-	362,617		
Employee Benefits	2	26	103,838		-	103,838		
Medical Records	2	27	-		-	-		
Training	2	28	-		-	-		
Interest - Working Capital	2	29	-		-	-		
Home Office - Admin	2	30	-		-	-		
Other	2	31	170,110		-	170,110		
Quality Assessment/Provider Tax	2	31A	-		-	-		
Subtotal - Administrative & Routine Costs	2	32	772,841		-	772,841	53.51	
<i>Capital Costs (lines 33-39)</i>								
Lease Costs	3	33	-		-	-		
Interest - Mortgage	3	34	-		-	-		
Property Taxes	3	35	17		-	17		
Depreciation	3	36	367,101		-	367,101		
Home Office Capital	3	37	-		-	-		
Other	3	38	13,623		-	13,623		
Subtotal - Capital Costs	3	39	380,741		-	380,741	26.36	
SUBTOTAL (lines 1-39)	3	40	4,245,765		-	4,245,765	293.97	

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Ancillary Costs (lines 41-49)								
Laboratory	3	41	2,287	-	-	2,287		
X-Rays	3	42	-	-	-	-		
Physical Therapy	3	43	164	-	-	164		
Occupational Therapy	3	44	-	-	-	-		
Speech Therapy	3	45	-	-	-	-		
Pharmacy (Rx)	3	46	3,614	-	-	3,614		
Oxygen	3	47	-	-	-	-		
Non Allowable Expenses	3	48	21,345	-	-	21,345		
Subtotal - Ancillary Costs	3	49	27,410	-	-	27,410	1.90	
Other Costs (lines 50-52)								
Gift, Beauty Shop, etc.	3	50	4,371	-	-	4,371		
Util. Review	3	51	-	-	-	-		
Subtotal - Other Costs	3	52	4,371	-	-	4,371	0.30	
TOTAL COSTS	3	53	\$ 4,277,546	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,277,546	\$ 296.17	

PART II - COST REPORT PATIENT DAYS

Total Beds	6	1, 3	40	-	-	40
Total Bed Days Available	6	4	14,600	-	-	14,600
Medicaid Patient Days	6	5D	13,816	-	-	13,816
Medicare Patient Days	6	5F	-	-	-	-
Private Pay Patient Days	6	5G,H	627	-	-	627
Other Days	6	5I	-	-	-	-
Total Census Days	6	5J	14,443	-	-	14,443
90% Minimum Census Threshold	6		13,140	-	-	13,140

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PART III - NURSING WAGE SURVEY

No adjustments were proposed as sufficient evidence was not provided.

PART IV - DETAILED EXPLANATION OF ADJUSTMENTS

No adjustments were proposed as sufficient evidence was not provided.



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Internal Control Over Reporting

In planning and performing our examination, we considered the Facility’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 Facility’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Facility’s internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.



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 Statement 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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as Condition 16-001 to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Facility's Statement 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 an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as Condition 16-001.

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 Facility'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 Facility'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 Office of Auditor of Accounts of the State of Delaware, the Department of Health and Social Services of the State of Delaware, the Board of Directors and management of the Facility, Office of the Governor, Office of the Controller General, Office of the Attorney General, Office of Management and Budget, Office of the State Treasurer, and the Department of Finance. However, under 29 Del. C., Section 10002, this report is available to the public and its distribution is not limited.

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CURRENT YEAR CONDITION

CONDITION 16-001

Condition: Management of Facility did not provide sufficient supporting document for facility costs, including payroll, patient census data, and other costs for the period under examination.

Criteria: The Medicaid Cost Report for Nursing Facilities should 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 be available for audit within the State of Delaware by the Medicaid Agency or its designated representative for a period of five years after the date of filing of the Medicaid Cost Report with the Medicaid Agency.

Cause: The COVID-19 pandemic created a significant hardship for this Facility and they were unable to devote resources to provide the information necessary for the examination.

Effect: Management was unable to provide the detail support for costs and patient census data recorded on the Cost Report and Nursing Wage Survey, resulting in both a material weakness in internal control and a compliance finding. Not being able to support the costs recorded could result in a disallowance of those costs, which would affect the Facility's reimbursement rate.

Suggestion: Management should ensure they have internal controls in place in order to be able to comply with the requirement to keep the supporting data for a period of five years.

Management's
Response: None provided.