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CMS Certification Number (CCN): 14L016

January 24, 2020

Anthony Penn, Executive Director  
Northern Illinois Academy  
998 Corporate Blvd.  
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Via Fax: 630-820-8305

Dear Mr. Penn:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that Northern Illinois Academy (NIA) does not have a Medicaid provider agreement with a State Medicaid Agency (SMA); such agreements are required by Section 1902(a)(27) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(27)). In order to participate as a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF), a facility must have an active provider agreement with a SMA and attest accurately to that effect. 42 CFR §483.374. CMS has confirmed that NIA does not have a Medicaid provider agreement with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), the SMA for the State of Illinois. Moreover, CMS has verified that NIA lacks a Medicaid provider agreement to participate as a PRTF with any other SMA. Therefore, NIA does not qualify to participate in Medicaid as a PRTF under 42 CFR §440.160 and 42 CFR Part 441 Subpart D.

Furthermore, CMS has received the results of a recertification survey completed on December 16, 2019 by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). That survey revealed that NIA is not in compliance with 42 CFR Part 483 Subpart G – Condition of Participation for the Use of Restraint and Seclusion in Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities. We have determined that the deficiencies are so serious they constitute an immediate threat to patient health and safety. Enclosed is a complete listing of all deficiencies cited. This constitutes a separate basis for termination of participation, independent of NIA's lack of a Medicaid provider agreement.

Therefore, under the authority granted to CMS in Section 1902(a)(33)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(33)), CMS is hereby terminating the CMS Certification Number (CCN) for NIA **effective January 24, 2020**. Northern Illinois Academy is prohibited from identifying itself as a PRTF as of January 24, 2020. Ensure that you are not representing your facility as a PRTF in all your communications with the public and other stakeholders.

In accordance with CMS policy and Federal regulation, we are publishing a notice to the public of the termination. Notice can be found by visiting the following website:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Termination-Notices.html>.

Northern Illinois Academy

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Michael Potjeau, Acting Branch Manager, at (312) 353-4363.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregg Brandush  
Division Director  
CMS-Chicago, Survey & Operations Group

Enclosure – CMS Form 2567

cc: Illinois Department of Public Health  
Illinois Department of Health Care & Family Services  
Oregon Health Authority  
Washington State Department of Social and Health Services  
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources  
Bureau of Medical Services  
Wisconsin Department of Health Services  
Office of the Inspector General  
The Joint Commission