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NEWS RELEASE

Nevada State Health Division Investigates Two Unlicensed Facilities

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division's Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance received an anonymous report of unlicensed group home facilities at the following locations:

- 1510 Rawhide Drive, Henderson, NV. A complaint investigation on 12/30/10 in conjunction with the Henderson Police and the Henderson Business Licensing Department revealed the facility was caring for three elderly persons without a license from the Henderson Business Licensing Department and the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance. A cease & desist notice was issued to the home owner Joy DeFosse and business owner/manager Edyth Fitzpatrick on 12/30/10.
- 602 St. Andrews Drive, Henderson, NV. It was determined this facility was also caring for at least three elderly persons without a license from the Henderson Business Licensing Department and the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance. A cease & desist notice was hand delivered to the business owner/manager Edyth Fitzpatrick on 1/4/11.

These matters have been referred to the Attorney General's office for legal action.

Ms. Fitzpatrick has been involved in other unlicensed group home complaints that were substantiated on 3/2/05, 10/5/05, 4/14/10, 7/28/10 and 1/3/11.

The Bureau issues press releases about the facilities it regulates in limited circumstances: where major public health concerns are identified in licensed facilities; in significant cases of repeat violations in licensed facilities; in cases of the suspension or revocation of a license; in cases where patient harm has occurred; and in cases where unlicensed facilities are operating.

The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance protects the safety and welfare of the public through the promotion and advocacy of quality health care through licensing, regulation, enforcement and education. This mission is accomplished through the Bureau's two sections: Licensure and Certification, which regulates facilities such as nursing homes, assisted living

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facilities, group homes, hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and laboratories; and Radiological Health, which evaluates and responds to hazards from sources of ionizing radiation such as X-ray machines, sources of radiation to treat cancer and mammography units.

For health facilities, more than 900 surveys are conducted each year of Nevada's licensees. More information about the Bureau may be found at health.nv.gov.

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