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Shadow Mountain Surgical Center Sanctioned Business ordered to stop new admissions; fined \$9,400

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division’s Bureau of Licensure and Certification (BLC) has issued a Statement of Deficiencies (SoD) to the Shadow Mountain Surgical Center, located at 7135 West Sahara in Las Vegas, based on a number of deficiencies noted during a joint Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and BLC follow-up inspection. The SoD (available on the Health Division’s website at <http://health.nv.gov> by clicking on “ASC Focused Survey Status”) outlined 32 deficiencies that resulted in the business being ordered to ban admissions for surgical procedures and being fined \$9,400.

During the inspection, a number of deficiencies were found pertaining to insufficient documentation:

- Lack of documented evidence to verify credentialed physicians
- No documented evidence verifying that some of the staff had undergone required tuberculosis screening
- Lack of documentation pertaining to the center’s quality assurance program

Other types of deficiencies noted were:

- Insufficient nursing staff
- Insufficient staff training on proper sterilization procedures
- Improper storage of drugs
- Outdated medication

None of the identified deficiencies presented an immediate jeopardy to patients based on infectious disease control problems.

Following a state inspection of the Shadow Mountain Surgical Center on March 13, 2008, infection control problems identified at the facility resulted in BLC issuing a cease and desist order to stop reprocessing single-use crescent blades. After receiving the facility’s Plan of Correction on April 2, 2008, two BLC surveyors revisited the facility on April 22 to ensure the facility was following the cease and desist order.



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Following the focused surveys conducted by BLC—with the assistance of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) staff—of all 48 Ambulatory Surgery Centers in Nevada during March 2008, BLC has continued to conduct unannounced follow-up visits of facilities to make sure recommended changes to procedures and protocols have been completed.

For more information about the State's efforts relating to the hepatitis C health crisis, go to the Health Division's website at <http://health.nv.gov>.

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