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## **Ban Lifted at Chancellor Gardens of the Lakes**

*Carson City* –The ban on new admissions at Chancellor Gardens of the Lakes has been lifted effective May 25, 2010. A temporary manager recommended the ban be lifted after working with the facility under a 30-day agreement. Weekly reports from the temporary manager showed substantial improvements in the management and administration of medications for residents. As a result of the reports and the commitment demonstrated by the facility, the Health Division agreed to lift the ban.

The ban had been in place at the 150-bed facility since December 2, 2009. Approximately 50 residents remained at the facility while it worked with regulators to correct the problems identified at the facility.

"We believe the facility has worked hard to correct the issues investigators found. Management of Chancellor Gardens has demonstrated a commitment to ensuring the facility has the resources it needs to meet the expectations of its residents and the State," said Marla McDade Williams, Deputy Administrator of the State Health Division.

Temporary management is a tool the Health Division has used successfully in the past. In many cases, it allows a licensed facility to continue to operate as it identifies and corrects issues to bring it back into compliance with the state's regulations. When a facility is successful under this arrangement, previous disciplinary actions may be withdrawn.

In this case, the State will no longer pursue the revocation action that was also initiated in December 2009.

"It's a win-win for the residents of Chancellor Gardens, the management of the facility, and for the State," said Williams.

The Nevada State Health Division's 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 facilities, group homes, hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and (MORE)



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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.

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