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Nevada State Health Division Suspends License for Swan Dialysis

Carson City – The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance launched an inspection July 19, 2010, which has revealed numerous violations of state and federal regulations, causing an immediate suspension of the license. The investigation showed that the facility was not safely providing services to patients and was engaging in practices detrimental to the health and safety of the patients.

The deficiencies were:

- Lack of proper infection control, with lack of follow-up infections and improper cleansing of machines
- Lack of professional oversight, specifically RN oversight over dialysis technicians
- Lack of staff competency and training
- Lack of staff training for emergency conditions that may occur during dialysis, yet having those same staff stand in for dialysis technicians

The investigation also showed that the facility was no longer operating from the location specified on the license. The facility was licensed to provide services at 6021 W. Cheyenne Ave., Las Vegas, NV. The Bureau did not receive an application for change of location. The dialysis facility representatives are cooperating fully and have notified all of the facilities they contract with concerning their status. In turn those facilities will find alternative dialysis providers for their residents/patients. Once the investigation is completed, the Statement of Deficiency document will be available on the Health Division's website.

The facilities in which Swan Dialysis was providing patient dialysis are:

Oasis Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center (formerly known as Desert Lane Care Center)
Henderson Healthcare Center
Horizon Specialty Hospital of Las Vegas
North Vista Hospital
Southern Nevada Medical and Rehabilitation Center (formerly known as Vegas Valley Rehabilitation Hospital)

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