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Always Better Hospice Care Inc 11755 Victory Blvd, Suite 205 N Hollywood, CA 91606

LEGAL NOTICE OF TERMINATION FROM MEDICARE PROGRAM

Effective on **November 9, 2024**, the Secretary of the Department of Health & Human Services will terminate its Medicare Provider Agreement with Always Better Hospice Care Inc. A Medicare complaint validation survey conducted on October 20, 2023, found Always Better Hospice Care Inc was not in compliance with requirements for participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs as established by the Social Security Act (Section 1861).

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that Always Better Hospice Care Inc was not in compliance with the following three Medicare Conditions of Participation for Hospice services:

42 C.F.R § 418.52 Patient's Rights 42 C.F.R § 418.54 Initial and Comprehensive Assessment of the Patient 42 C.F.R § 418.102 Medical Director

Medicare and Medicaid programs will not make payments for services furnished to patients who were admitted on or after November 9, 2024. For patients admitted prior to November 9, 2024, payment may be available for up to thirty (30) calendar days after the effective date of termination.

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