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Mr. Robert Lopez, Acting Director
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Re: Early Alert Notice

Dear Mr. Lopez:

In order to ensure that New York State (NYS) citizens with developmental disabilities receive appropriate services and protections, the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) has established an internal Early Alert Committee. The committee is made up of OPWDD senior leadership and senior managers. The purpose of the Early Alert process is to monitor the performance of a provider that has been unable to sustain compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

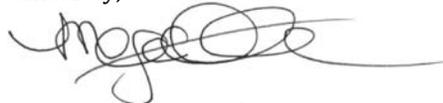
The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Long Island DDSO service provider is being placed on Early Alert status. The reason for the placement on Early Alert status is due to the results of the Medicaid survey conducted between 5/8/12-5/10/12 at the Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) located at 913, 914, 915 Rainbow Commons, Melville, NY 11747. At that survey, four (4) on-site statements of deficiencies were issued and four (4) on-site plans of corrections were approved surrounding significant issues in areas related to health and safety. As a result of the survey, a sixty (60) day letter was issued with the Condition of Participation (CoP) for health care found not to be in compliance.

While Long Island DDSO is on Early Alert status, appropriate staff of the Division of Quality Improvement (DQI) will work with you to address the issues so that you may arrive at a solution that will be in the best interests of the individuals you serve and their families. During this time, DQI will make a determination regarding whether the DDSO has the ability to remedy the deficient practices and sustain compliance. If the DDSO can demonstrate the ability to sustain compliance, we will remove it from the Early Alert status and you will be notified accordingly.

While the DDSO is on Early Alert, OPWDD will not consider any requests for expansion of services and may suspend any expansion that is in process.

We will be contacting the DDSO shortly to come to a mutually agreed upon date where representatives from the Division of Quality Improvement, LIDDSO and the Board of Visitors can meet in the next few weeks. At that time we will also identify what, if any, additional information we will need from you. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Holland, DQI Regional Director at (212) 229-3350.

Sincerely,



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