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**U.S. REACHES SETTLEMENT WITH GLEN MILLS
NURSING HOME**

PHILADELPHIA – Patrick L. Meehan, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, today announced a civil settlement between the United States of America and Brinton Manor Nursing Home, a 92-bed facility located at 549 Baltimore Pike, Glen Mills, PA.

This civil settlement arose out of the investigation of the nursing home for engaging in the following conduct from March 1, 2000 through January 31, 2001: alleged inadequate services regarding nursing care and treatment of residents with diabetes, adequate assessments and evaluations of residents' needs, appropriate care planning and nursing interventions, and falls prevention and management.

"This case focused primarily on the care rendered to residents with diabetes," said Meehan, whose office in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania has been a national leader in investigating and resolving failure of care cases by nursing home providers. "The owners of Brinton Manor have made it clear that they are committed to ensuring that residents with diabetes are monitored more closely and that the events leading to this investigation and settlement will not occur in the future."

The settlement provides for the following:

1. Payment of \$110,000; initial payment of \$90,000 and if a clinical practice nurse specialist is employed for at least two years, the remaining settlement amount is forgiven.
2. Hiring of a full-time clinical practice nurse specialist (CNS) to act as a specialist in both clinical skills and knowledge/practice application. The CNS will be responsible for educational programs in a classroom setting including, but not limited to, developing learning modules on hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia as well as unit in-servicing, and bedside instruction and mentoring. The CNS shall be a master's prepared nurse with significant experience in long-term care. Brinton Manor agrees to employ the selected CNS for at least a two-year period.

3. For at least a one-year period, use of independent third-party consultants selected by the United States to assist in and assess Brinton Manor's compliance with the settlement agreement.
4. Brinton Manor has agreed to perform four educational programs for all direct-care staff within the one year from the effective date of the settlement agreement to: (a) address the needs of the diabetic resident, with particular emphasis on the signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia including atypical presentations and (b) track, evaluate and prevent falls including, at a minimum, management and modification of care plans, assessment of environmental factors, assistive devices and creation of a tracking tool that trends individual and units on which falls are occurring and timely respond to these data.

This case marks the twelfth nursing home failure of care case resolved in this district within the last eight years.

The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney David R. Hoffman.

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