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## UNITED STATES SETTLES WITH WYNDMOOR PA 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 Green Acres Rehabilitation & Nursing Center ("Green Acres"), a 151-bed nursing home located at 1401 Ivy Hill Road, Wyndmoor, PA.

This civil settlement arose out of the investigation of the nursing home for engaging in the following conduct from January 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004: alleged inadequate services regarding nutrition, provision of medication to residents, falls, pressure ulcer care including the prevention and treatment of wounds and incontinence care.

"This case focused primarily on the care rendered to residents who were not provided proper nutrition, those who developed pressure ulcers and those who, through lack of supervision, had several falls that were not adequately addressed or prevented," said Meehan. "The owners have made it clear that they are committed to ensuring that residents' needs are adequately addressed."

The owners of Green Acres have denied the contentions of the United States and maintain that their actions were at all times lawful and appropriate.

The settlement provides for the following:

1. Payment of \$143,000 to the government.
2. Creation of a Quality of Care/Quality of Life Fund in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) that will be used within a year to purchase services and/or equipment that would enhance the quality of life of the residents;
3. For at least a one year period, use of independent third-party consultants selected by the United States to assist in and assess Green Acres's compliance with the settlement agreement.
4. Greenacres Health Systems agrees to develop a Corporate Compliance Program that sets forth the structure for reporting and addressing all components relevant to the provision of adequate care. This compliance program will apply to all of the health systems long-term care facilities.
5. Conduct training at least semi-annually for staff on issues identified by the facility's Compliance and Quality Assurance Committees and/or the government.

This case marks the fourteenth 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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