

U.S. REACHES SETTLEMENT WITH BUCKS COUNTY NURSING HOME

June 30, 2004 - 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 **Majestic Oaks**, a 180-bed nursing home located at 333 Newtown Road, Warminster, PA.

This civil settlement arose out of the investigation of the nursing home for engaging in the following conduct from July 2002 through June 30, 2003: alleged inadequate services regarding pressure ulcer care including the prevention and treatment of wounds and falls prevention and management.

"This case focused primarily on the care rendered to residents 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 of Majestic Oaks have made it clear that they are committed to ensuring that residents' are adequately addressed."

The owners of Majestic Oaks 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 \$50,000 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 Majestic Oak's compliance with the settlement agreement.
4. Review and approval by the Office of Inspector General of the nursing home's Corporate Compliance Program that sets forth the structure for reporting and addressing all components relevant to the provision of adequate care.

This case marks the thirteenth 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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