

Chesterfields

August 24, 2023

Dear Resident/Family/Responsible Party,

This letter serves to inform you that Chesterfields, Ltd. has filed with the State of Connecticut's Department of Social Services (DSS), a voluntary petition to close the facility. The Department of Social Services has the authority to either grant, modify or deny the voluntary petition to close and has thirty (30) to grant or deny the petition for closure.

The decision to close comes after years of painstaking efforts to revitalize Chesterfields declining census and challenges to staff the facility since the COVID 19 outbreak which has resulted in approximately a One Million dollar loss over the past five years and nearly \$510,000.00 in the past year alone. Despite numerous attempts to maintain the center's viability, including various efforts at program development, the company has concluded that as a result of significant fiscal loss which has occurred over an extended period of time, closure has become imminent.

Placement coordinators will be on staff to assist you and your loved ones with your options regarding alternate placement opportunities. While you are not required to move at this time, our placement coordinators will be available to ensure a seamless transition should you choose to voluntarily transfer. Please rest assured that no resident shall be summarily involuntarily transferred or discharged from the facility pursuant to state and federal law because of the filing of a petition for closure. Additionally, all patients have the right to appeal any proposed transfer or discharge.

In accordance with state and federal statutes, there may be a public hearing or family meeting regarding the closure scheduled within thirty (30) days of the filing. We will inform you of the hearing date or meeting when it is made available. Additionally we will be meeting with residents and families individually to ensure you are kept informed of the process. Included in this letter is the contact information for the State Ombudsman and local legal aide office who may also be contacted regarding the closure process and your rights.

Please rest assured that our dedicated team will be available to ensure that all care and services continue uninterrupted. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions of concerns. It is our goal to ensure a smooth and seamless transition for our valued residents and families.

Respectfully,

Paula Meunier Administrator

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