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### **State issues provisional license to owners of long-term care facility**

*Administrative license allows bills to be paid, State to continue temporary management*

(Anchorage, AK) — The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services today issued a 60-day provisional license to the owners of the Mary Conrad Center in Anchorage. The state will continue to manage and run the day-to-day operations at the facility.

State employees at the center discovered a number of financial problems. The license will allow funds to be used to pay vendors and employee salaries. It also allows RainDance to seek reimbursement from Medicaid and Medicare. The state will review and approve all payments that go out.

“This provisional license allows the state to continue to ensure that the best quality of health care is offered at the facility,” Health and Social Services Commissioner Bill Hogan said. “Employees can be paid. Vendors, some of whom have not been paid in months, will begin receiving checks.”

On Dec. 18, 2008, a team from the department served a notice of immediate license revocation to RainDance. The department immediately assumed temporary management of the facility and will continue to manage the facility under the provisional license.

“Over the past eight days our staff, along with members of the Long Term Care Ombudsman’s office, has been able to visit with each resident – reviewing their medical history, talking with their families, and working to ensure that each receives the best level of care,” Hogan said. “This is still considered a temporary situation. We will be here until a new owner can take over management of the center.”

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