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Via U.S. Mail

LivingHelp Center
16444 Paramount Blvd.
Paramount, CA 90723

RE: CEASE & DESIST/ Health & Safety Code, §§ 123621 and 123622 (AB 1720)

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter serves as notice to LivingHelp Center to cease and desist the performance of any ultrasounds that violate of Health and Safety Code sections 123621 and 123622 (AB 1720).

Effective January 1, 2024, Health and Safety Code section 12361 specifies the settings in which an ultrasound, or similar medical imaging device, may be offered. Specifically, the law provides that “ultrasounds and similar medical imaging device procedures” used for “a medical, counseling, or diagnostic service or purpose” shall only be performed by:

- a licensed clinic;
- an outpatient setting;
- a licensed health facility;
- a county medical facility;
- a practice of a licensed physician or surgeon or medical group practice;
- a practice of a licensed chiropractor, or a lawfully organized group of licensed; chiropractors that provide health care services;
- a practice of a licensed physical therapist; or
- a facility affiliated with those settings.

Further, Health and Safety Code section 123622 provides that, “[a]ny person or entity that fails to comply with the requirements of Section 123621 is liable for a civil penalty of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for a first offense and five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each subsequent offense.”

The Attorney General’s Office issued a subpoena to you on April 9, 2024, seeking verification that you were in compliance with this law. To date, you have provided no response.

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If Living Help Center offers ultrasounds or similar medical imaging device procedures for a medical, counseling, or diagnostic service or purpose, and does not fall under the exempted categories listed above, we demand that you immediately cease and desist from performing ultrasounds or similar medical imaging device procedures.

The Attorney General's Office is prepared to take action to enforce state law, should it become necessary. We, however, hope that this will not be necessary. Please confirm to us in writing that, effective immediately, you will not perform any ultrasounds in violation of Health and Safety Code section 12361.

Should you have any questions, I may be reached at: Martine.Dagostino@doj.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martine D'Agostino".

MARTINE N. D'AGOSTINO
Deputy Attorney General

For ROB BONTA
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