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**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

John Sullivan, M.S.
President
MedStar Washington Hospital Center
110 Irving Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20010

RE: Program #2246
Previous Accreditation Status: 8 Years
Most Recent Site Visit: 06/16

Dear President Sullivan:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) appreciated the opportunity to evaluate the certificate radiography program sponsored by MedStar Washington Hospital Center. The JRCERT is the only agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) for the accreditation of traditional and distance delivery educational programs in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and medical dosimetry. Specialized accreditation awarded by the JRCERT offers institutions significant value by providing peer evaluation and by assuring the public of quality professional education in the radiologic sciences.

The continuing accreditation status of the program was considered at the November 15, 2016 meeting of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology. The program was evaluated according to the **Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography (2014)**. The JRCERT awards:

PROBATION.

The Committee based this decision on areas of non-compliance with **Standard Five:**

Objective 5.2 - Lack of assurance that the program documents the following program effectiveness data: Five-year average credentialing examination pass rate of not less than 75 percent at first attempt within six months of graduation.

The program must document a five-year average credentialing examination pass rate of not less than 75% at first attempt for examinations taken within six months of graduation. The current five-year (2012-2016) average credentialing examination pass rate is 67% (32/48). Furthermore, the program's Web site must be updated to accurately reflect the most current credentialing examination pass rate.

Therefore, a progress report documenting compliance with this objective is required by **July 14, 2017**. The progress report must be submitted via the JRCERT Accreditation Management Systems (AMS). Consideration of the progress report is projected for the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors following receipt and review of the submitted progress report. Following receipt and evaluation of this progress report, the JRCERT will maintain, extend, or withdraw accreditation. An additional progress report may be required if any objectives are not adequately addressed.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.500, program officials may be required to attend a JRCERT-sponsored Accreditation Seminar or Outcomes Assessment Conference. A progress report documenting a program official's attendance at an Accreditation Seminar or Outcomes Assessment Conference must be submitted no later than **November 15, 2017**. The JRCERT has scheduled a one-day Outcomes Assessment Conference for May 11, 2017 in Chicago, IL. Information on registering for the May 2017 Outcomes Assessment Conference and a complete listing of dates and locations for all JRCERT-sponsored seminars and conferences are available at www.jrcert.org/Calendar.

The program has published its accreditation status on its main Web site; however, the disclaimer does not include the e-mail address of the JRCERT. Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.000, Procedure 10.001Aii, when a program elects to publish its accreditation status it must include the following:

The MedStar Washington Hospital Center program is accredited by the
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Based upon the decision of continued non-compliance, the program must document compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **November 15, 2018**. As required by the USDE and consistent with the **maximum** compliance timeframes set forth in JRCERT Policy 11.400, when the JRCERT Board of Directors determines that a program has failed to document compliance with the **STANDARDS** and has not satisfactorily addressed the identified deficiencies, the existing accreditation status will be withdrawn. Such involuntary withdrawal of accreditation is considered an adverse accreditation action. The JRCERT defines an adverse action as involuntary withdrawal of accreditation. Involuntary withdrawal of accreditation will generally, but not necessarily, occur after a Probationary Accreditation status has been awarded. Probationary status, as well as an adverse accreditation action, requires written notification of the United States Secretary of Education, the appropriate State licensing or authorizing agency, appropriate regional and/or other accrediting agencies and the public.

Probationary Accreditation is an accreditation category and, consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.100, this action is not subject to appeal. Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.700 (enclosed), the program must notify currently enrolled and accepted students, as well as the general public via a Web site posting, of this status within 30 days of receipt of this letter. The program is required to submit a representative sample of such notification and list of recipients to the JRCERT no later than **December 19, 2016**.

The program is advised that consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.600, the JRCERT reserves the right to conduct unannounced site visits of accredited programs. The sponsoring institution would be responsible for the expenses of any on-site inspection. Also, consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, programs with a probationary accreditation status cannot request a substantive change.

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology Directors and staff encourage you and the program faculty to continue your efforts in developing a quality educational program. If we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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