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**RE: Program #2246**

**Previous Accreditation Status: Probation**  
**Most Recent Site Visit: 06/2016**

Dear Dr. Argyros:

After review of the requested additional progress report that was submitted on August 19, 2020, the continuing accreditation status of the certificate radiography program sponsored by MedStar Washington Hospital Center was considered at the October 15, 2020 meeting of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), which was the next available meeting after submission. 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 program was evaluated according to the **Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography (2014)**.

The Board of Directors considered the program's request for an additional good cause extension due to COVID-19. Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, Procedure 11.405B, the JRCERT will only grant one extension for good cause within one accreditation award cycle. The program was previously granted a good cause extension on October 23, 2018 and had 24 months to document compliance with all relevant accreditation Standards. The Board of Directors determined that the program had not successfully documented compliance with **Objective 5.2** and that there was no possibility of documenting compliance by November 15, 2020. Accordingly, the JRCERT took the following action:

#### **INVOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION.**

The Committee based this decision on the expiration of the maximum compliance timeframe as identified in JRCERT award letters dated November 17, 2016, August 31, 2017, October 23, 2018, and December 11, 2019, and continued 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.

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The program's current five-year (2016-2020) average credentialing examination pass rate for examinations taken within six months of graduation is 71% (34/48).

This action is effective as of the date of this letter. Per JRCERT Policy 10.200, graduates of the program after this date are not considered graduates of a JRCERT-accredited program.

The JRCERT recognizes the right of the program sponsor to appeal this action as outlined in JRCERT Policy 10.100 (enclosed). A written notice of appeal, signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the sponsoring institution and non-refundable \$2,500.00 appeal fee, must be received by the JRCERT within 20 business days of receipt of this notification. Any submitted materials must include a concise rationale and documentation supporting the request for an appeal.

Pursuant to Policy 10.200, the JRCERT will notify the program's clinical settings of this action upon expiration of the appeal period.

The program is strongly encouraged to notify currently enrolled students and applicants of this action.

Finally, in the event that the program sponsor does not appeal this decision, USDE requirements state that the JRCERT must make available to the appropriate authorizing agencies and the public, within 60 days, a brief statement summarizing the reasons for the JRCERT's decisions and any comments provided by the program. This summary will state that the decision was based upon the program's failure to demonstrate compliance with the applicable JRCERT Standards within the maximum timeframes set forth in JRCERT Policy 11.400. Should you have any comments that you may wish to make with regard to that decision, please forward them to the JRCERT within 20 business days of receipt of this notification. This action and any such comments will be posted on the JRCERT website.

You are requested to destroy the Certificate of Accreditation for the sponsor and all Certificates of Recognition for the clinical settings.

If the Committee or the CEO can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely,



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