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**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

John Sullivan, M.S.
President
MedStar Washington Hospital Center
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Washington, DC 20010

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

Dear President Sullivan:

After review of the requested progress report, the continuing accreditation status of the certificate radiography program sponsored by MedStar Washington Hospital Center was considered at the August 24, 2017 meeting of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). 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 JRCERT took the following action:

MAINTENANCE OF PROBATION.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.100, this action is not subject to appeal.

The Committee based this decision on continuing concerns with the program's non-compliance with **Standard Five** and requests an additional progress report documenting compliance with the following objective:

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 (2013-2017) average credentialing examination pass rate is 69% (34/49).

It is noted the program has implemented strategies to improve the credentialing examination pass rate, raising the first attempt pass rate to 100% (10/10) for the cohort graduating in 2017.

This additional progress report is required by **August 15, 2018**. The progress report must be submitted via the JRCERT Accreditation Management Systems (AMS) and will be considered by the Board of Directors at the next available meeting after submission. Based on evaluation of the progress report, the Board of Directors may, maintain, extend or withdraw accreditation. If the progress report does not successfully document compliance or identify mitigating circumstances hindering the obtainment of this objective by **November 15, 2018**, the JRCERT will take the following action: **involuntary withdrawal of accreditation**.

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. The Board may take adverse action prior to the expiration of the maximum compliance timeframe. Probationary status, as well as an adverse accreditation action, requires written notification to 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 **October 2, 2017**.

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.

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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