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PRESS RELEASE

Patrick L. Meehan, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, today announced a civil settlement between the United States of America and Brighten at Broomall ("Brighten"), a 123 bed nursing home located at 43 Church Lane, Broomall, Pennsylvania. This civil settlement arose out of the investigation of the nursing home for engaging in the following conduct from July 2004 - December 2005: alleged inadequate service regarding provision of adequate nutrition to meet the nutritional needs of residents; provision of medication to residents; monitoring weight loss; falls; diabetic care; pressure ulcer care, including the prevention and treatment of wounds; incontinence care; and care provided by physicians.

The settlement provides for the following:

1. Payment of \$45,000 to the United States;
2. Creation of a Quality of Life/ Quality of Care fund in the amount of \$20,000 that will be used within a year to purchase services and/or equipment that would enhance the quality of life of the residents;
3. For a three year period, use of independent third party monitors selected by the United States to assist in and assess Brighten's compliance with the Settlement Agreement.
4. Brighten to develop and comply with a corporate compliance program that sets forth the structure for reporting and addressing all components relevant to the provision of adequate care.

This case, the fifteenth nursing home failure of care case resolved in this district, is the first to require a monitor for a three year period.

The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Marilyn May and Gerald Sullivan and was investigated by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General.