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December 6, 2010

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Hillcrest Women's Medical Center  
2709 North Front Street  
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Dear Ms [REDACTED]

On September 2, 2010, the Department of Health (Department), Bureau of Community Programs, Division of Home Health (Division), conducted an onsite survey at Hillcrest Women's Medical Center. The survey findings revealed that the clinic provided services in accordance with Pa 28 Code Chapter 29, Subchapter D, Ambulatory Gynecological Surgery in Hospitals and Clinics. Please provide a contact person at corporate for our records and for any information that we may need to obtain.

**29.33 (1) each medical facility shall have readily available equipment and drugs necessary for resuscitation. If local anesthesia is utilized to perform an abortion in a medical facility during the first trimester, then the following equipment shall be ready to use for resuscitation purposes:.....(iii) Assorted size airways and endotracheal tubes ....(vi)Intravenous fluids including blood volume expanders**

The onsite survey found that resuscitative equipment was not readily available. Findings include:

Procedure room #2: Two (2) endotracheal tubes that expired 5/2008, 3/2008; two (2) endotracheal tubes with no expiration date on package; an AED defibrillator had 2 packages of pads that expired 6/2010; and twenty-three (23) uncapped Lidocaine multi use bottles located on a window sill. There was no cut down tray available. The emergency cart, located in procedure room #2, would not be available to procedure room #1 in the event of an emergency. There were 2-IV bags of Lactated Ringers 500 cc's expired 8/2010 and 2/2006 in Procedure room #2, and two (2) IV bags 500cc's expired 3/2010 also in procedure room #2.

Hallway cabinet: There were white pills in a container with tape on it marked Ibuprofen, no date of expiration noted; and a bag of blue pills with no identifying label of what the pills were or date of expiration.

It was noted that names of patients that were having procedures that day were displayed on the wall in the hallway where they could be observed by other patients. Also the patient records did not have any unique identifying numbers to relate the patient to that specific ID number keeping confidentiality.

Expired items were found mixed with current items with no assurance that at the time of an emergency an appropriate current item, and not an expired item, would be used. There were various blood tubes that were expired. Upon questioning, the Administrator acknowledged that all these items were expired.

**The facility must develop and implement a plan to correct this issue. Please submit your written plan of correction to the Department, along with evidence indicating the plan was implemented, within 10 days of the receipt of this letter. Thank you and your staff for your cooperation throughout the onsite investigation.**

**Please respond with your corrective action within 10 days of the receipt of this letter.**

Respectfully,

Division of Home Health

*Hillcrest*

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- 1) Emergency cart has been placed in the hall, available to all procedure rooms.
- 2) All equipment, IV solutions and medications needed in an emergency are checked monthly within date.
- 3) All oral medication are kept in their original containers and expiration dates are noted.
- 4) Patient names for that day's procedures are no longer on display on the hall wall.
- 5) Patients are now assigned unique identification numbers on their charts.

Any questions, please contact [REDACTED] at 717-234-4994.

Thank you,  
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