



Office for People With Developmental Disabilities

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December 6, 2023

VIA USPS CERTIFIED MAIL & EMAIL

Kenneth Oni-Eseleh, Executive Director
Keli House Community Services, Inc.
184 Route 216
Stormville, NY 12582

Philip Akpan, President, Board of Directors
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Re: Notification of Intent to Recoup a Fine

Dear Mr. Oni-Eseleh and Mr. Akpan:

In a letter dated October 25, 2023, Keli House Community Services, Inc. was notified by the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) of its intent to impose a fine of \$3,000. In that letter, the agency was informed of the right to request a hearing and the regulatory requirements for filing this request.

Pursuant to 14 NYCRR Part 602.5(b), the request for a hearing must be sent in writing within 30 days of service of notice of the proposed action. The timeframe for your agency to file a request for a hearing expired on November 26, 2023. As of November 30, 2023, OPWDD has received neither a written request for a hearing nor payment of the fine.

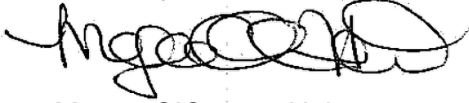
Please remit payment of your fine immediately and no later than December 20, 2023. The money should be sent in a lump sum payment. A check is the only acceptable form of payment.

The check should be payable to OPWDD and forwarded to the following address:

Eileen Haynes, General Counsel
NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities Counsel's Office-3rd Floor
44 Holland Avenue
Albany, NY 12229

If the fine is not paid in full by December 20, 2023, OPWDD will deduct the full amount of the fine from Keli House Community Service Inc.'s Medicaid IRA Day Habilitation service payments. The amount will be automatically withheld, and the agency should receive a separate letter from the Department of Health notifying the agency of the date of expected recoupment. If you have any questions, please contact Ellie Smith at (518) 474-3625.

Sincerely,



Megan O'Connor-Hebert
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Quality Improvement

cc:
Board of Directors
Kerri Neifeld, Commissioner
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