



## **Savoy Nursing & Rehabilitation Center**

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December 5, 2023

### **VIA E-MAIL AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

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Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification  
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Marlborough, MA 01752

### **RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLOSE Savoy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center**

Dear Mr. Mackie:

Please accept this Notice of Intent to Close Mangwa Investments, Inc., d/b/a Savoy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, located at 670 County Street, New Bedford Massachusetts 02740 effective on or about April 3rd, 2024, or such other date as may be approved by the Department of Public Health following completion of the required regulatory process for voluntary closure of a long-term care facility pursuant to federal and state law. Our draft Closure and Relocation Plan (the "Closure Plan") is attached.

On May 13th, 2022, Mangwa Investments Inc., Operator, (d/b/a Savoy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center), achieved compliance with the State of Massachusetts Bed De-densification Regulations, which reduced the facility's capacity from 39 to 28 beds, a loss of 11 beds or 27% of its beds. The cost to operate a 39-bed facility with only 28 beds has led to the facility's financial insolvency.

The Facility's representative who residents, family members, staff or other interested parties may contact with questions regarding the proposed closure is:

Gerri Young, Director of Nursing, at Savoy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center  
(508)994-2400 or by e-mail at [Gerri.savoy@comcast.net](mailto:Gerri.savoy@comcast.net).

We request that the Department of Public Health coordinate with Savoy Nursing Home for the scheduling of a public hearing on the proposed closure of the skilled nursing facility, which will be held as soon as practical. At least 14 days prior to the public hearing, Savoy Nursing Home will provide (i) a copy of the draft closure plan and (ii) written notice regarding the date, time, and place of the hearing to each person who is receiving this Notice of Intent to Close.

The draft closure plan and notice of the hearing will each be in a format approved by the Department of Public Health and will be available in the Facility. A copy of the draft Closure Plan will be made available to each of the individuals who are required to receive notice. Interested parties may file comments on the proposed closure and the draft closure plan with the Department of Public Health up until the date of the public hearing.

We will be working with residents and their families, with our employees and with the state agencies, including the Department of Public Health, throughout this process to assure the orderly transition of care for our residents.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D C WATSON". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Didie C Watsop  
Savoy Nursing Home Owner/Administrator

PROPOSED CLOSURE PLAN FOR  
SAVOY NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER  
670 County Street, New Bedford, MA 02364

Dear Residents and other Interested Parties:

On December 5th, 2023, Savoy Nursing Home ("Savoy Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre" or the "Facility") issued a Notice of Intent to Close the Facility located at 670 County Street, New Bedford MA 02740. This is the Closure Plan referenced in that notice.

**Background**

On May 13th, 2022, Mangwa Investments Inc., Operator, (d/b/a Savoy Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre), achieved compliance with the State of Massachusetts Bed De-densification Regulations, which reduced the facility's capacity from 39 to 28 bed, a loss of 11 beds or 27% of its beds. The cost to operate a 39-bed facility with only 28 beds has led to the facility's financial insolvency.

**Notice to Residents and other Interested Parties**

Savoy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center issued the Notice of Intent to Close on December 5th, 2023. On that date, the Notice of Intent to Close was posted at the Facility and issued to residents by hand delivery, by First Class mail to their legal representative or designated contact on file and other interested parties as required by the applicable regulations, as set forth on the attached Notice List. The Facility will close on or about April 3rd, 2023 or such other date as may be approved by the Department of Public Health, following completion of the required regulatory process for voluntary closure.

**Relocation Assistance**

The City of New Bedford and the neighboring towns within twenty-five miles have a substantial supply of licensed long term care placements available. The City of New Bedford has 03 additional skilled nursing facilities. A total of fifty-four skilled nursing facilities are located within twenty-five miles of New Bedford based on Medicare.gov data.

Savoy Nursing Home will be in contact with representatives of these nearby skilled nursing facilities to seek information regarding available beds, particular specialties, and other pertinent information. Savoy Nursing Home will collect written information from these other facilities and will make that information available in its common areas, and to each resident or their legal representative. Savoy Nursing Home will accommodate planning communication between representatives of the nearby skilled nursing facilities and any resident or legal representative at their request in accordance with current COVID-19 protocols.

Savoy Nursing Home will work with the residents and their families to identify appropriate placements for all residents in a facility capable of meeting their needs, including the consideration of the resident's and family's choice of facility.

**Resident Counseling**

Savoy Nursing Home will assist residents, their families, and representatives in preparing for closure of the facility, including the following steps. We will provide individual meetings to prepare the residents for the transfer options and process, including psychological preparation or counseling of each resident as necessary. We will consult with each resident or legal representative regarding placement options and the placement process being considered, and to obtain required consent.

**Savoy Nursing Home will hold an initial Family Meeting at the Facility (670 County Street, New Bedford, MA 02740) on Wednesday, December 5th, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Additional Resident and Family Meetings will be held as needed.** Notice of these scheduled events is posted at the Facility and is being

delivered to all designated Family/Resident Representatives. The Facility will monitor feedback from families and determine how best to schedule additional meetings. In addition, the Facility will schedule individual meetings with any resident/family representative requesting one. At each family meeting, we will provide information on the closure process and steps the facility will undertake to ensure the appropriate transfer or discharge of each resident.

### **Admissions and Readmissions**

Until the closure plan is approved by the Department of Public Health, Savoy Nursing and Rehab Centre will not freeze admissions, however, we will inform all prospective admissions that we have filed the Notice of Intent to Close. We will follow all applicable state and federal regulations related to residents who are admitted to hospital care, including applicable bed holds. We will continue to readmit all hospitalized patients as required and will accommodate any resident who desires to transfer to another facility following hospitalization.

### **Medical Records Storage**

Savoy Nursing Home will work together to assure the collection and proper storage of medical records occurs. Patient records for residents who transfer to another facility will be transferred to and maintained by that facility and Savoy Nursing Home will designate a contact person for communications with the destination facility regarding resident care and needs. Savoy Nursing Home will collect, catalog, and store all medical records not transferred with residents and any closed records upon closure of the Facility and have those documents stored and available in compliance with applicable state retention periods. Savoy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will manage this process, utilizing Iron Mountain, Savoy Nursing Home's medical records storage partner for paper record and PointClickCare for electronic records. Former facility residents' records will be stored and maintained by Iron located at 1 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110.

### **Information and services for our Employees**

Savoy Nursing home is committed to working with its employees to ease the difficulties associated with the transition by attempting to help employees explore job opportunities at other facilities in the area as operations wind down, including contacting the Massachusetts Dislocated Worker Center and the Massachusetts Career Center, enabling employees to take advantage of those services.

Employee meetings will be scheduled to communicate the closure plan and answer related questions. We will continue to update employees as the plan unfolds and additional information is available. Employees may direct any questions or concerns to Didie Watsop, Administrator, or email at [savoynursing@gmail.com](mailto:savoynursing@gmail.com).

### **Revisions to this Closure Plan**

Savoy Nursing Home may revise this Closure Plan to provide additional information in response to public comments, resident and family comments, and its ongoing communication with state agencies including the Department of Public Health.

### **Ongoing Communications**

We will be working with the residents and their families, the employees, and with state agencies including the Department of Public Health throughout this process to assure the orderly transition of care for our residents. Information will be posted at the Facility on a regular basis. We will provide advance notice of meetings to be conducted with residents, their families, and representatives to those persons and to the Resident Council.

Residents, their Families, and Representatives may contact the following for further information:  
Geri Young, Facility Director of Nursing at Savoy Nursing Home, (508) 994-2400.

Very truly yours,

Didie Watsop, Owner/Administrator