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August 12, 2020

ID#: I-330

Ms. Abigail Marquez  
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Orlando Medical Institute  
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Dear Ms. Marquez:

The Commission, at its July 2020 meeting, reviewed your institution's application for a continued grant of accreditation, including the Self-Evaluation Report, the on-site visit reports, the institution's response to the reports, the response to the Commission's August 14, 2018, February 5, 2019, August 12, 2019, and February 12, 2020 letters, and the institution's financial history. Based on review and discussion, the Commission acted to **deny** the institution's application for continued accreditation and **withdraw** the current grant of accreditation based on non-compliance with the following standard set forth in the *Accreditation Manual*:

An institution demonstrates that it has the financial resources to ensure continuity of operation and to fulfill its obligations to students and employees (IV.B.1.).



The maximum period of time the Commission may allow for a program to be brought into compliance with ABHES requirements is stated in Chapter III, Section C of the *Accreditation Manual*. The institution was directed to demonstrate compliance within the maximum timeframe with its final response on November 1, 2019, for review at the Commission's January 2020 meeting. At that meeting, the Commission issued a good cause extension to the maximum timeframe until its July 2020 meeting based upon the institution needing additional time to achieve compliance. Therefore, the institution has exceeded its maximum timeframe.

As the findings above indicate, the institution failed to demonstrate compliance within the extended maximum timeframe. Therefore, accreditation has been withdrawn.

### **Appeal of Action**

**If the institution wishes to appeal the action of the Commission, it may do so by filing its intent to appeal the Commission action online via [DropBox Commission Responses](#) within 10 calendar days of the date of this letter and named “ABHES ID#\_Intent\_to\_Appeal” for receipt by ABHES by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on August 22, 2020. A non-refundable \$5,000 appeal fee plus an Appeal Hearing expense deposit of \$10,000 are to be remitted to ABHES to accompany the statement of intent to appeal. Payment of any fees are to be remitted electronically via bank transfer, or by credit card, where a 2.9% convenience fee is to be applied. Please contact the Accounting Department at [accounting@abhes.org](mailto:accounting@abhes.org) or (571) 282-0076 to obtain an invoice. The institution will be provided a summary of expenses following the appeal hearing and will be refunded or charged the difference from the \$10,000 deposit.**

**In accordance with Chapter III, Section E, Subsection 3 of the *Accreditation Manual*, the institution retains its accreditation status during any pending appeal.**

Should the institution elect not to appeal, the decision to deny the application and withdraw accreditation will be effective as of August 12, 2020 and the institution may not reapply to ABHES for accreditation within one year from that date.

### **Written Statement of Grounds for Appeal**

The appeal materials, consisting of a complete written statement of the grounds for its appeal based on the Commission’s findings and reasons, is due within **45 calendar days** from the date of the Commission’s written decision in this letter dated August 3, 2020. The institution should review carefully all procedures governing its appeal, in accordance with the procedures found in Chapter III, Section E, Subsection 3 of the *Accreditation Manual*. Note that the appeal is based upon the information available to the Commission at the time of its action. Unless specifically provided for in Chapter III, Section E, Subsection 3, (f), the Appeals Panel has no authority to consider evidence outside of the record considered by the Commission at its July 2020 meeting. The institution has the burden of demonstrating that the action of the Commission was not supported by the record or was otherwise erroneous.

### **Appeal Submission Requirements**

**Should the institution wish to appeal, the appeal document, including a cover letter, narrative, and exhibits, must be submitted to ABHES online via [DropBox Commission Responses](#) within 45 calendar days of the Commission action, September 21, 2020, in accordance with the instructions in [Preparing Your Response](#).**

**It is imperative that the file name must include ABHES ID#, RSP to Aug 2020 Denial Letter - APPEAL, and date of submission (ex: I-100 RSP to Aug 2020 Denial APPEAL Letter 92020).**

### **Teach-out Plan**

As a means of protecting current and future students, the institution is directed to submit to ABHES under separate cover and not as part of the materials submitted with its appeal, a teach-out plan, and corresponding Teach-Out Approval Form (found under the Forms Tab on the ABHES website at [www.abhes.org/forms](http://www.abhes.org/forms)). The teach-out plan and Teach-Out Approval Form must be completed in accordance

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with applicable standards and requirements in Chapter III, Section A, Subsection 7 of the *Accreditation Manual* and submitted to ABHES no later than **5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on August 22, 2020.**

### **Disclosures**

Per Chapter III, Section C, Subsection 6 of the *Accreditation Manual*, the institution must disclose this adverse action to deny the institution's application for continued accreditation and withdraw the current grant of accreditation to all current and prospective students within seven business days of receipt of this letter, including notice that the institution is required to maintain the teach-out plan and the reason that ABHES is requiring it.

The U.S. Department of Education, the appropriate State licensing or authorizing agency, the appropriate accrediting agency, and the public have been notified of this action to withdraw the institution's accreditation and that the action is subject to appeal in compliance with 34 Code of Federal Regulations § 602.26 *et seq* and Chapter III of the *Accreditation Manual*.

If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact me at (703) 917-9503.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "India Y. Tips". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

India Y. Tips  
Executive Director

c: Steven Gelfound, ABHES