



November 30, 2020

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**BY EXPRESS OVERNIGHT SIGNATURE REQUIRED &
VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION TO amarquez@omi.edu**

Ms. Abigail Marquez
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Dear Ms. Marquez:

The Commission of the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) has received the report of the Appeal Panel following the institution's October 22, 2020, appeal of the Commission's August 12, 2020, action to deny continued accreditation and withdraw the institution's current grant of accreditation. A copy of the Appeal Panel Report (report) report is enclosed.

The Appeals Panel voted to affirm the decision of the Commission withdrawing the institution's accreditation based on its determination that evidence before the Commission, including the institution's audited financial statements for fiscal years ending December 31, 2017, December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2019 clearly support the Commission's determination that the institution was in violation of Standard IV.B.1. The Appeal Panel also accepted the institution's October 7, 2020 request to consider new financial information into the record; however, for the reasons stated in the report, the Appeals Panel determined that this new financial information did not make a material difference necessary to alter the Commission's decision.

Accordingly, the Commission has now acted pursuant to Chapter III.E.3.i of the *Accreditation Manual* to implement the decision of the Appeal Panel. The decision to withdraw accreditation is now final and is effective **December 10, 2020**, the last date of accreditation. There is no additional appeal available.

As is set forth in Chapter I.B.1 of the *Accreditation Manual*, the Secretary of Education, relevant state licensing agencies and other relevant regulatory bodies are being notified of the outcome of this appeal simultaneously with the issuance of this notice of the action. Chapter I.B.1 of the *Accreditation Manual* also provides that within 60 days of this final negative action, the Commission makes available to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, appropriate state agencies, recognized accrediting agencies, and the public a brief statement summarizing the reasons for this negative action and the official comments, if any, that your institution wishes to make with regard to this decision, or in the absence of official comment from your institution, evidence that the institution or program was offered the opportunity to provide official comment.

Consequently, if you wish to make a brief official written comment on this negative action you must do so within 10 calendar days of the date of this letter. You are not required to submit a written comment, and if you do not do so within the time allotted, it will be understood as your decision not to comment.

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Pursuant to Chapter III.C.4 of the *Accreditation Manual*, the institution may not apply to ABHES for accreditation for a period of one year following the date of this letter setting forth the final decision of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "India Y. Tips".

India Y. Tips
Executive Director

Enclosure: Appeal Panel Report

- c: Herman Bounds, Ed.S., Accreditation Group, U.S. Department of Education
- Joey Smith, Florida Commission for Independent Education
- Susan Crim, Administrative Actions and Appeals Service Group, U.S. Department of Education
- Christopher Miller, U.S. Department of Education, Area Case School Participation
- George W. Hatch, Jr., EdD, LP, Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the
Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP)