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My mother, Ruth Jane Ehrhardt, died November 1, 2013 in NHC of Charleston Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. No explanation was given other than she had died. My mother was to have been discharged the next day. When we received the Death Certificate, it read failure to thrive and dementia. There is a disconnect here.

I reported my concern on behalf of myself and my two brothers who are lifetime residents of S.C. about the questionable circumstances of her death to DHEC Bureau of Health Licensing in a letter dated November 13, 2013. I received a written response from Ms. Ruth F Rush, Complaint Intake/Triage Nurse in a letter dated November 22, 2013, acknowledging receipt of my letter. I also received a call from her in that time period telling me it would be investigated and I would get a letter and their would be a public document I could request to see more detail about the investigation. Months went by and I heard nothing. I called Ms. Rush and she told me the request had been misplaced, but she would put it back into the system. It has been months again and we have heard nothing. My initial concern about the question of why my "to be discharged" mother with a Death Certificate of "failure to thrive and dementia" and now this going on six months failure to get the results of an investigation leaves me very concerned.

I am knowledgeable about the process that should have occurred timely. I know that my mother was not "failing to thrive." She was in the Nursing facility for healing of a pressure sore. I am a practicing licensed nursing home administrator in Maryland. Something appears not to be right. Please help. Your response by official letterhead and email is requested.

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