

N.VA. DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER ORDERED TO CLOSE

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State mental health officials will not renew two licenses held by Straight Inc.-Greater Washington, a private adolescent substance-abuse treatment center in Springfield.

The Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services has ordered the program closed within 10 days. However, under licensing regulations and the Administrative Process Act, the program may appeal the decision and request a hearing.

Because of the program's right to appeal, the department would not say what licensing violations were found.

A department spokesman said the decision not to renew the license came after inspectors made announced and unannounced visits to Straight. The department also found unacceptable the plan for correcting the violations, submitted last Friday.

Straight's licenses to operate a day treatment program and a residential treatment program expired Dec. 31.

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