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JNESO Union Outraged by Careless Handling of I-9 Documents for VNA Workers

North Brunswick, N.J. (Aug. 11, 2017) – JNESO, the healthcare union, is outraged and demanding answers after the discovery of hundreds of highly sensitive documents and worker eligibility forms associated with employees of the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA).

“This is an egregious violation of trust, especially in this day and age when the protection of personal information is vital with respect to patient information and privacy under HIPPA laws,” said Douglas Placa, Executive Director of JNESO, the healthcare workers union that represents some 120 members of the VNA, and more than 5,000 healthcare workers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

“We don’t know how many people this may impact. We have demanded that the VNA tell us which current and former JNESO members are affected so we can do whatever possible to protect our members,” he added.

The story which aired on [News 12 New Jersey](#) reported that hundreds of employment eligibility verification forms, also known as I-9s, were found in filing cabinets purchased as used office furniture by Sublimation 101 a printing company in Branchburg.

The forms which are required to prove identity and verify employment eligibility included names, addresses, phone numbers, and copies of Social Security cards, driver’s licenses, passports and even naturalization documents.

According to News 12, officials from the Department of Homeland Security now have possession of the forms.

“We are glad that the forms have been turned over to the authorities, but what if this isn’t an isolated incident,” remarked Placa. “The VNA has to be held accountable, and protocols must be put in place to make sure this doesn’t happen again.”

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JNESO District Council 1 is a healthcare union representing more than 5,000 nurses and other healthcare workers in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. For more information, visit

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