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**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**MEMORANDUM  
AMENDED**

**Date:** January 5, 2022

**To:** Sarah Tanksley, Director of Communications and Media Relations

**From:** Wanda E. Hines, Board Administrator

**Name of Board or Committee:** Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities  
Performance Improvement Issue Standing Committee Meeting

**Date of Meeting:** January 11, 2022

**Time:** 9:00 a.m., Central Time

**Place:** Poplar Conference Room  
665 Mainstream Drive, First Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243

**Major Item(s) on Agenda:** See attachment.

**Link to Live Video Stream:**  
<https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/da42cbafa072452ea7e73965c0ea484c1d>

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**LISA PIERCEY, MD, MBA, FAAP**  
COMMISSIONER

**BILL LEE**  
GOVERNOR

***THE MISSION OF THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS TO PROTECT, PROMOTE AND  
IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND PROSPERITY OF PEOPLE IN TENNESSEE.***

**AGENDA**

**BOARD FOR LICENSING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES  
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ISSUE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 11, 2022**

**POPLAR CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR  
9:00 a.m.**

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WHEN THE BOARD IS IN SESSION**

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1. Call the Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum.
2. **CHI NATIONAL HOME CARE d/b/a CHI MEMORIAL HEALTH AT HOME, CHATTANOOGA-HHA #103**  
This Home Health Agency is requesting program flexibility with regulatory relief from Chapter 1200-08-26 Standards for Home Care Organizations Providing Home Health Services, and 1200-08-26-.06 Basic Agency Functions 5(b), as a result of the current public health emergency due to COVID-19. CHI Memorial Health At Home is seeking to waive the requirement that a skilled nurse must perform the initial assessment when both nursing and therapy services are ordered. CMS continues to waive the requirements in 42 CFR § 484.55(a)(2) and §484.55(b)(3) that rehabilitation skilled professional may only perform the initial and comprehensive assessment when only therapy services are ordered.

**REPRESENTATIVE(S):** Deborah Ames, MA, RN, Director of Clinical Services

3. LTC Qualified Food Service Director-Healthcare Services Group (HCSG) has put in place as we actively pursue CDMs in our dining services operations in the State of Tennessee. There are not enough CDMs in the country to service the long-term care industry. There were only 5,080 registered dietitians in long-term care; HCSG employs between 800-900 of these individuals which we use in the provision of our services. The Dining Apprenticeship and Dining Manager in training program, we enroll our employees in the International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA) Certified Food Manager (recognized by CMS outside military settings as well) learning path and the Long-Term Care-Food Service Manager learning path. Our programs would like to be considered as meeting the qualified food service director in the nursing home regulation 1200-08-06-.06.

**REPRESENTATIVE(S):** Jeannie Fissinger, SVP, Healthcare Services Group, Inc.

4. Unlicensed Home Health Agency Providing Infusion Services Versus Interpretative Guideline.

**REPRESENTATIVE(S):** Ann R. Reed, Director of Licensing

5. Public Comments.

6. Adjourn.