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IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
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August 10, 2020

Attn: Amanda Ryan, PharmD, BCGP
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Re: Request for State Use of CMP Funds
CMP Request No. 2020-04-TN-0504
CMP Fund Request Approved- \$2,570,400

Dear Dr. Amanda Ryan:

Sections 1819(h)(2)(B)(ii)(IV)(ff) and 1919(h)(3)(C)(ii)(IV)(ff) of the Social Security Act incorporate specific provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act pertaining to the collection and uses of civil money penalties (CMPs) imposed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) when nursing homes do not meet requirements for long term care facilities. In accordance with 42 CFR § 488.433 and CMS Survey & Certification Memo 12-13-NH (effective January 1, 2012) States must obtain approval from CMS for the use of federally imposed CMP funds.

Our office has reviewed the proposal submitted by QSource for \$2,570,400 to implement a program titled: “Best Practices Dissemination and Quality Improvement Support for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) via a Tennessee Culture of Safety Center (CSC) Project.” The proposed project is likely to increase Quality Improvement (QI) knowledge and implementation in SNFs across Tennessee, resulting in a meaningful decline in deficiencies and immediate jeopardy citations in participating SNFs. As a result, SNF residents are likely to experience direct improvements to their quality of care and life. This is a three-year project.

Based on our review, we find that the requirements at 42 CFR § 488.433 are met and that the proposal may be funded with federally imposed CMP funds.

Acceptance of CMP funds by QSource, requires the organization to:

- Review the CMP project and deliverables with Tennessee Quality Improvement Organization (QIO);
- Ensure that all participating nursing homes are registered with the QIO;
- Provide a list of participating nursing homes to CMS, QIO and the State Agency;
- Provide the QIO with a copy of any materials provided to participating facilities;
- Provide routine updates on the project to the Medical Director, Administrator and Staff Development Coordinator of each participating nursing home;
- Discuss the project with the Resident Council of each participating nursing home;
- Share information about the project with Family Councils of participating nursing homes;
- Schedule a conference call with the State Survey Agency (SSA), QIO and CMS on the progress of the project at least every six months;
- Submit an annual report at the end of each year summarizing the challenges, lessons learned and best practices;
- Funding for Year Two is contingent upon QSource meeting the project deliverables specified for Year One;
- Funding for Year Three is contingent upon QSource meeting the project deliverables specified in Year Two.
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Qsource shall submit a quarterly report to CMS. Quarterly reports on this project and a final report summarizing lessons learned shall be electronically submitted to CMS, with the CMP request number 2020-04-TN-0504 included on all pages of the report. Please send quarterly reports to:

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In accordance with 42 CFR § 488.433, states must make information about the results of projects funded by CMPs available to the public. States must submit results of projects using the CMP Reinvestment State Plan Project Tracker, due annually in February and posted on the CMS CMPRP website.

This CMP request was made possible by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in partnership with the Tennessee State Agency.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Stephanie Davis, Atlanta Survey and Enforcement Branch Manager at (404) 562-7471.

Sincerely,

Stephanie M. Davis for

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