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IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
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October 29, 2018

Mr. Mark Kirschbaum
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Re: Request for State Use of CMP Funds
CMP Request No. 2018-04-TN-0903
CMP Fund Request Approved- \$928,878.07

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Dear Mr. Mark Kirschbaum:

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 Maury Regional Medical Center for \$928,878.07 to implement a program titled *Infection, Prevention, Antimicrobial Stewardship and Rapid Response in Southern Middle Tennessee SNFs*. The project proposes a three-pronged focus to reduce the incidence and burden of healthcare associated infections: education, management of antibiotic stewardship, and deployment of a prototype virtual rapid response team using telemedicine. By targeting these three areas, Tennessee residents will see a direct improvement in their quality of life and care. This is a three-year CMP project.

Based on the CMP application request, eleven (11) skilled nursing homes of the Maury Regional Medical Center's Post Acute Care Network (PACN) will be the focus of interventions to reduce healthcare associated infections, and ultimately, readmissions to hospital. The facilities are:

Maury Post-Acute Care Network (PACN)	
Facility Name	CMS Certification Number
Lewis County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	44-5430
Life Care Center of Columbia	44-5236
Mt Pleasant Healthcare & Rehabilitation	44-5374
NHC Healthcare Columbia	44-5109
NHC Healthcare Lawrenceburg	44-5180
NHC Healthcare Lewisburg	44-5094
NHC Healthcare Oakwood	44-5002
NHC Healthcare Pulaski	44-5101
NHC-Maury Regional Transitional Care Center	44-5030
NHC Healthcare Scott	44-5117
Signature Healthcare of Columbia	44-5465

Maury PACN shall submit a quarterly report to CMS that discusses each participating facility, the readmission rate and re-hospitalization rate, antibiotic stewardship efforts, and the impact of telemedicine and the rapid response team on the provision of quality of care. In addition to the quarterly report, the Maury PACN shall have conference calls with the CMS regional office on the status of the CMP project, specifically to discuss the lean improvement methodologies embraced to guide system improvements. The quarterly report shall disclose the cost savings achieved from this project. Maury PACN shall provide to CMS a link to the infection prevention education modules to aid in continuous training.

Quarterly reports on this project and a final report summarizing lessons learned and be will be sent to CMS, with the CMP request number 2018-04-TN-0903 included on all pages of the report. Please address correspondence for CMS to:

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Maury PACN shall submit a final report at the conclusion of the CMP project that summarizes lessons learned, challenges and ways to duplicate the project with other nursing homes. Maury PACN shall provide CMS a copy of the contract executed with the Tennessee State Agency that discloses the three year project timeline. Moreover, any press releases or media developed by Maury PACN associated with the CMP project shall be approved by the CMS press officer in advance of publication or distribution.

State use of civil money penalty fund requests are not subject to an appeal. This CMP request was made possible by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in partnership with the Tennessee State Survey Agency. CMP funds shall only be utilized for the eleven facilities listed above.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Stephanie Davis, Chief, LIC Enforcement Branch at (404) 562-7471.

Sincerely,

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