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**IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**  
(Receipt of this Notice is Presumed to be December 31, 2015 -Date Notice E-mailed)

December 31, 2015

Debbie Meredith, Chair  
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**Re: Request for State Use of CMP Funds**  
**Reframing Dementia through Person Directed Practices**  
**2015-04-TN-0831**  
**CMP Fund Request Approved**

Dear Debbie:

The CMS Atlanta Regional Office has reviewed your civil money penalty (CMP) request seeking \$392,543.00 to implement the Reframing Dementia in 240 Tennessee certified nursing homes over a three year period. According to the project proposal:

- Eighty (80) certified nursing homes will be enrolled in the Reframing Dementia project annually;
- All nursing homes participating in the project will establish Change Agent Teams;
- Members of the Change Agent Teams shall be disclosed to CMS, the State Agency, Qsource and the LTCO upon request;
- A Reframing Dementia Training Kit shall be provided to each participating nursing home, CMS, the State Survey Agency, Qsource and the LTC Ombudsman;
- Participating nursing homes shall be provided a crosswalk that enables the facility to utilize the Reframing Dementia Kit in conjunction with the CMS Hand-In-Hand kit.
- Face-to-face meetings and virtual gatherings will be conducted throughout the project to facilitate the implementation of dementia best practices and person centered care;
- TEAC will obtain buy-in from corporate officials, the Administrator and Director of Nursing Services for each participating facility;

- TEAC will engage corporate officials from the top, 20 largest nursing home organizations in the state, and share information about Reframing Dementia and the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care;
- A minimum of three meetings with corporate officials from the top, 20 nursing home organizations shall be conducted during this project; more meetings if project deliverables are not being met by each participating nursing home;
- TEAC will work with Qsource Tennessee, the state quality improvement organization on the selection and enrollment of nursing homes in the Reframing Dementia project;
- TEAC shall maintain registration information for all meetings and conferences;
- TEAC may not charge participants a registration fee for the in-person training;
- TEAC shall encourage participating nursing homes to complete the CMS Change Agent Packet;
- TEAC shall share information with CMS and the State at least 30-days in advance of webinars to enable surveyor participation;
- TEAC shall separately monitor the antipsychotic usage of each participating nursing home; and
- TEAC shall submit an annual report detailing the lessons learned from the Reframing Dementia project from all participating nursing homes and organizations.

**Congratulations, the CMP request has been approved.** This letter constitutes your notice of approval to receive Federal civil money penalty (CMP) funds in the amount of \$392,543.00 for the Reframing Dementia project.

In accordance with S&C transmittal 12-13-NH, and based on review of the proposal, the Tennessee Eden Alternative Coalition shall provide quarterly reports to CMS and the State providing updates on the status of the project and all deliverables specified in the proposal. Quarterly reports shall address at a minimum all project goals, benchmarks, employee participation, the budget and changes in antipsychotic drug utilization in all participating nursing homes. Forty-five (45) days following each workshop or face-to-face meeting with a nursing home or participating corporation, TEAC shall provide to CMS the following information, preferably in electronic format:

- Attendee registration listing for each location;
- An attendee registration listing shall be provided for each discipline;
- Copy of all Power Point presentations;
- Copy of all books and handouts provided to attendees;
- Summary of the symposium evaluations from attendees at each location;
- Summary of the best practices and lessons learned from the meeting; and a
- List of action steps to be completed to sustain the project and achievement of all goals and objectives for reducing antipsychotic medication usage.
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The acceptance of CMP funds requires the Tennessee Eden Alternative Coalition to submit the aforementioned documents to the address listed below. The CMP request number 2015-04-TN-0831 is to be included on all documents. Please address correspondence for CMS to:

Stephanie M. Davis, MS., RD  
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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 & Medicaid Agencies.

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

Sincerely,



for:

Sandra M. Pace  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Survey & Certification

cc: Stephanie M. Davis  
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