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IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
(Receipt of this Notice is Presumed to be June 11, 2019, --Date Notice E-mailed)

June 11, 2019

Attn: Dr. Michael L. Freeman
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Re: Request for State Use of CMP Funds
2019-04-TN-0329
CMP Fund Request Approved: \$957,959.20

Dear Dr. Freeman:

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 Vanderbilt University Medical Center for \$957,959.20 to implement a program titled *Strategic Emergency Preparedness Training, Analysis and Resources for Tennessee Long-Term Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities*. This project is a comprehensive emergency preparedness training program specifically designed to assist Tennessee long-term care (TLC) and skilled nursing (SN) facilities to meet and exceed CMS emergency preparedness requirements and further enhance the preparedness level of all facilities. Training and technical assistance (TA) will be offered to the staff and residents of all 300 plus Tennessee long-term care and nursing home facilities.

Based on the CMP application request and additional information provided for review, the CMP request has been approved. Vanderbilt University Medical Center shall submit a quarterly report to CMS that discloses information on the status of emergency preparedness training in Tennessee, the number of Tennessee certified nursing homes participating in the CMP project, and lessons learned and identified best practices. The Project Leader shall provide a copy of all training materials to CMS in advance of training. CMS, the State Survey Agency and Project Leader and Co-Director shall have routine conference calls related to the project.

Quarterly reports on this project and a final report summarizing lessons learned shall be sent to CMS, with the CMP request number 2019-04-TN-0329 included on all pages of the report. Please address correspondence for CMS to:

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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 Agency.

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

Sincerely,



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