North Campbell Community Hospital, Inc
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Re: Request to Maintain Temporary Inactive Status
Jellico Community Hospital — Hospital License No. 7
188 Hospital Lane, Jellico, Tennessee 37762

Dear Director Tippens:

I write on behalf of North Campbell Community Hospital Inc. to respectfully request that Hospital License No. 7, issued for the hospital facility located at 188 Hospital Lane, Jellico, Tennessee 37762, and historically operated as Jellico Community Hospital, remain on temporary inactive status pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 68-11-206(b).

On August 20, 2026, the Jellico Board of Mayor and Aldermen unanimously approved an asset purchase agreement conveying the hospital real property at 188 Hospital Lane to our organization for the purpose of restoring licensed hospital services to the community. Closing and related conveyancing are in process. The agreement includes reversion of the property to the City of Jellico if hospital operations are not restored and maintained. Our purpose in acquiring the property is to reopen the facility as a licensed critical access hospital.

This request is made under Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-206(b)(1), which authorizes the Commission to place a license in inactive status upon finding that (A) there is a need to temporarily suspend operations and (B) the licensee intends to continue operations after a period of suspension. Both findings are present here.

First, *operations at the facility are temporarily suspended.* Hospital services at this location have been closed since March 2024. The building requires physical-plant assessment, renovation, and life-safety work before it can again meet hospital licensure standards. BradenHealth personnel are already on site.

Second, *there is a definite intent to continue operations after the period of suspension.* We entered the asset purchase for the express purpose of restoring licensed hospital care at 188 Hospital Lane.

The Commission most recently acted on this license at its meeting of September 24, 2025, granting a one-year extension of inactive status after the prior period expired on August 28, 2025. That extension has now elapsed. Consistent with the Commission's prior practice for License No. 7, we respectfully request an additional period of one (1) year of temporary inactive status, and that the current inactive designation remain in effect pending Commission action so that the license does not lapse while this request is under review.

Jellico and the surrounding communities in Campbell County and along the Tennessee–Kentucky line have been without a local hospital for more than two years. Restoring licensed hospital services at this site is essential to timely emergency and inpatient access for residents who now must leave the community for hospital care. BradenHealth owns and operates rural hospitals in Tennessee, including facilities in Henderson, Houston, Perry, and Haywood Counties, and has restored previously closed rural hospitals. We will bring that same operational model to Jellico.

BradenHealth will remain current on all annual license fees imposed by Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 68-11-206(b)(2) and 68-11-216. We will coordinate with the City of Jellico and with Commission staff, including Deputy Director Ann Reed and the Licensure unit, on any licensee-of-record questions and on the change-of-ownership file. We are prepared to submit any additional forms, affidavits, or supporting documents your office requires,

Thank you for the Commission's continued support of rural hospital restoration in Tennessee and for your office's wonderful assistance as we continue to work to return hospital services to Jellico. Please contact me at kyle.kopec@bradenhealth.com if you need any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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