HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP PROCEDURES

1. Submit a notarized application along with the appropriate fee and a letter of intent 60 days prior to the anticipated Change of Ownership (CHOW) to the address at the bottom of the application. The letter of intent should include the name of the facility, the name of the seller\lessee of the facility, acknowledgment by the seller\lessee authorizing the sale or lease of the facility's operations and the projected date of the CHOW. Submission of a CHOW application indicates the acquisition and sale\lease of the entire facility operations including the associated license.

2. A letter will be sent acknowledging the receipt of the application, fee and notice of intent. Once the change of ownership has occurred and you receive the closing documents, you will need to send a copy of the bill of sale or the documents, including lease of operations agreements, that indicate that you are now the owner or lessee of the facility to:

   Health Facilities Commission
   665 Mainstream Drive, Second Floor
   Nashville, Tennessee 37243

3. This office will notify the regional office in your area to request their recommendation for the intended CHOW. The regional office will review the facility file to determine when the last annual survey was conducted with no outstanding deficiencies, and secondly to determine survey performance history including both scheduled and complaint surveys. If the most current annual survey and the facility's survey history including complaint surveys is satisfactory, a form recommending approval of the CHOW will be submitted to the central office in Nashville. If any complaint(s) rising to the level of a detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the facility has been reported then; an on-site survey of the facility will be conducted. The regional office **will not** recommend approval of the CHOW, until an on-site survey is conducted with substantial compliance and/or deficiencies from either this on-site survey or a previous survey are corrected. The applicant/buyer will be notified by the central office if an onsite survey is necessary.

4. Once the recommendation is received in the central office from the regional office, a letter will be forwarded to you initially approving the CHOW pending the completion and submission of the final bill of sale (closing document(s)). The effective date of the CHOW will be the date of the closing document(s) is signed and dated by the seller/ buyer or lessee; or the date the regional office recommends approval of the CHOW, if occurring after the closing date. The application will then be presented to the Commission at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting for ratification. If the Commission ratifies the approval of the CHOW the license number listed above will become your permanent license number and a letter will be forwarded to you within three working days notifying you of the Commission's final decision. You should receive your wall license within seven (7) to ten (10) business days thereafter.

5. If the Commission does not ratify the initial approval of the CHOW, that initial authorization shall cease to be effective. A letter will be mailed to you providing an explanation and specific instructions as to any actions you may take to have the decision reviewed.

All applicable laws, rules, policies, and guidelines affecting your practice are available for viewing at https://www.tn.gov/hfc/division-of-licensure-and-regulation/hfc-licensure/licensure-applications.html. Please check this website periodically for updates.

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Name of the Facility/Agency _____

Location of the Facility:

Street _____ City _____

County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ Fax Number (_____) _____

Twenty-four (24) Hour Emergency Phone Number (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Does your facility have a physical location in the state of Tennessee? Yes_____ No_____

Administrator Information:

Administrator _____

Have you (Administrator) ever been convicted of a crime involving injury or harm to person(s), financial or business management (e.g., assault, battery, robbery, embezzlement, or fraud)?

Yes_____ No_____ If yes, what charge(s)? _____

Location of Conviction _____ Date _____

(City) (County) (State)

Mailing address if different from the Facility location address:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ownership of Building:

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

FEE SCHEDULE: (FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE) – $1,404

1. **Geographic area served by Agency:** (list county or counties) ***(If additional space is needed, please use a separate page)***.

2. Number of branch offices: _____

   Address of each branch office: ***(If additional space is needed, please use a separate page)***

OWNERSHIP OF BUSINESS:

1. a. Check the type of Legal Entity:

   ____Individual_____Partnership_____Corporation____Limited Liability Company

   _____Church Related _____Government/County____Other

   b. Check One: ____For Profit_____Non-profit

   c. Legal Entity checked in 1.a:

   Name_____Phone (_____)_____

   Address _____

   d. List name(s) and address(es) of individual owners, partners, directors of the corporation, or head of the governmental entity:

   _____
   Name Street City, State, Zip

   _____
   Name Street City, State, Zip
   (If additional space is needed, please use a separate sheet)

   e. If a government/county owned facility, does the administrator have authority to act on behalf of the government/county as it relates to the operation of this facility? Yes _____ No _____

   If no to e., who has said authority? _____

2. a. In accordance with Rule 0720-30-.02, is this CHOW a lease of operation? Yes____No____

   b. If yes, please provide the lessor's information below:

   Name_____Phone Number (___)_____

   Address_____

3. a. Is your facility/organization deemed by a **federally approved** accrediting body including but not limited to JCAHO, CARF, etc.? **Provide proof of accreditation.**

   Yes_____ No_____ Expiration Date_____

4. Is this facility chain affiliated? Yes _____ No _____

5. If you have a parent company, please provide the following information:

   Name_____Phone Number (_____)_____

Address _____

6. a. If a corporation, is there a holding company? Yes _____ No _____

   b. If yes, list the name, address, and phone number of the holding company:

   Name_____Phone Number(____)_____

   Street_____

   City_____State_____Zip_____

7. a. Are any owners of the disclosing entity or also owners of other health care facilities in Tennessee and/or other states? Yes____ No ____

   c. If yes, list names and addresses of all such facilities: ***(If additional space is needed, please use a separate sheet)***

   _____

   _____

8. a. Do you have a contract with a management firm to operate this facility? Yes____No____

   If yes, specify dates: From_____To _____

   b. If yes, specify name of firm: _____

   Phone Number (_____)_____

   Address: _____

9. For any item in (9) a-h below, please identify, explain, and provide documentation of the item(s) noted if response is "Yes". Have either the licensed entity for any of the other health care facilities in Tennessee and/or other states on the list in question (7.b.) above, OR the management firm listed in question (8.) above; been subjected to any of the following within the last (5) years:

   a. <u>Licensure</u>

   i) denied a license? Yes____No_____

   ii) had a license suspended or revoked by any state licensure agency? Yes____No_____

   iii) been subject to a final order or judgment in a state licensure action? Yes____No_____

   b. <u>Convictions</u>

   i) convicted of a criminal offense related to that person's involvement in any program under any state or Federal health care program (including Medicare, Medicaid, and Tricare)? Yes____No_____

   c. <u>Exclusion</u>

   i) excluded from participation in Federal health care programs (Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, or Tricare) in the past? Yes____No_____

(Note: "Excluded" is defined as a provider or entity has been told by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General (HHS-OIG) that they may no longer be a provider for any federally funded healthcare program).

   d. <u>Termination/Suspension</u>

   i) suspended or terminated from participation in Medicare or Medicaid/TennCare programs? Yes____No_____

(Note: This would include involuntary termination of a nursing facility or skilled nursing facility by the Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or state Medicaid agency).

e. Fraud and Abuse

i) paid through settlement, or civil or criminal fines, any monies to the federal government or any state as a result of any administrative or judicial proceeding based on allegations of fraud or abuse involving claims related to the provision of health care items and services? Yes_____No_____

f. Corporate Integrity Agreement

i) Is presently an entity covered by and subject the terms of a corporate integrity agreement? Yes_____No_____

(Note: If yes, provide a copy of CIA)

g. Bankruptcy

i) filed bankruptcy under any provision of the United States Bankruptcy Code? Yes____No_____

h. Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP)

i) paid to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or any state Medicaid agency a civil money penalty equal to or greater than $250,000.00 as a result of an enforcement action during a survey? Yes____No_____

Failure to provide true and correct copies of any documents related to the items list in 9(a-h) listed above may be grounds for referral of the application for special consideration, and/or may be grounds for disciplines.

If the applicant answered "Yes" to any of the questions (a)-(h) above, please provide copies of any documentation associated with the event and/or sanction. The documentation should provide the Health Facilities Commission with sufficient information regarding the nature of the event and/or sanction, the current status of the issue, as well as details regarding what corrective action shave been implemented (as applicable).

VERIFICATION BY NOTARY PUBLIC:

Signee for application certifies that he or she is of responsible character and able to comply with the minimum standards and regulations established by Tennessee pertaining to the type of facility or agency for which application for licensure is made and with the rules promulgated under Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) § 68-11-201.

Signee also certifies that a policy has been implemented to inform all employees of their obligation under TCA § 71-6- 103 to report incidents of abuse or neglect.

Signee acknowledges that the State of Tennessee may share information regarding the activities and compliance of the licensee, if the submitted CHOW application is a lessor and/or lessee transaction as described in the above Ownership of Business section of this application.

□ By checking this box, you acknowledge that you will ensure access to a secure online portal is available to Health Facilities Commission surveyors in order to conduct all necessary and required surveys related to licensure.

Applicant Signature	Title or Position	Date

STATE OF TENNESSEE

County of _____

The above named applicant (print name), _____ being by me duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and says that he/she has read the forgoing application and knows the contents thereof: that the statements concerning the above named facility or agency, therein contained, are correct and true to his/her own knowledge.

Subscribed to and sworn to on this _____ day of _____
(Month) (Year)

Notary Public: _____

My commission expires: _____