



**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
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June 27, 2012

Ms. Gusti McGee, Director - Regulatory
Amedisys, Inc.
5959 South Sherwood Forest Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816-6038

RE: Exempt from Review/ Change in Ownership of Healthkeeperz, Inc. and its hospice branches/
Brunswick, Hoke, Robeson, Wake and Wayne Counties
FID#100133

Dear Ms. McGee:

In response to your letter of June 7, 2012, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C.G.S 131E-184(a)(8). Therefore, Amedisys, Inc. may proceed to acquire the above referenced health service facility and its hospice branches, as outlined below, without first obtaining a certificate of need. However, you need to contact the Adult Care Licensure and Certification Section of the Division of Health Service Regulation to obtain instructions for changing ownership of the existing facility.

FACILITY	ADDRESS	COUNTY	TYPE	LICENSE No.	FACILITY No.	PROVIDER No.
Healthkeeperz, Inc.	509 W. 3 rd St., Pembroke	Robeson	Hospice Home Care	HC4027	100133	341596
Healthkeeperz, Inc.	406 B Harris Ave., Raeford	Hoke	Hospice	HOS4009	100074	None Listed
Healthkeeperz, Inc.	6949-1 Beach Dr., SW, Ocean Isle Beach	Brunswick	Hospice	HOS4018	100075	None Listed
Healthkeeperz, Inc.	405 Aversboro Rd., Ste. 500, Garner	Wake	Hospice	HOS4026	100131	None Listed
Healthkeeperz, Inc.	800 N. Berkeley Blvd., Goldsboro	Wayne	Hospice	HOS4031	100145	None Listed



Healthkeeperz

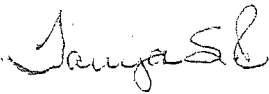
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Note that pursuant to N.C.G.S. §131E-181(b): *"A recipient of a certificate of need, or any person who may subsequently acquire, in any manner whatsoever permitted by law, the service for which that certificate of need was issued, is required to materially comply with the representations made in its application for that certificate of need."*

It should be noted that this Agency's position is based solely on the facts represented by you and that any change in facts as represented would require further consideration by this Agency and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,



Tanya S. Rupp
Project Analyst



Craig R. Smith, Chief
Certificate of Need Section

cc: Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHR
Senator Michael Walters



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Wallace C. Hollowell, III
Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, LLP
4140 Parklake Avenue, Glen Oaks One, Second Floor
Raleigh, NC 27612

RE: Notice of Agency Decision / Exempt from Review / Change of Ownership of
Healthkeeperz Pembroke/Robeson County Hospice office and its hospice branches in
Brunswick, Hoke, Wake and Wayne Counties

FID #: 100133

Dear Mr. Hollowell:

Please be advised that the above-referenced change of ownership of the above-referenced Hospice Home Care Agency and its hospice branches has been notified of its exemption from Certificate of Need Law in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 131E-184(a)(8), as shown in the table below.

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Any person aggrieved by this decision may file a petition for a contested case hearing in accordance with G.S. 150B, Article 3, as amended, and G.S. 131E-188(a). This petition must be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-6714 within thirty (30) days of the date of this decision. [Note: Effective October 1, 2009, OAH requires a filing fee with submittal of petitions for contested cases. Please direct all questions regarding this fee to OAH Clerk's Office (919-431-3000).]

G.S. 150B-23 provides that a party filing a petition must also serve a copy of the petition on all parties to the petition. Therefore, if you file a petition for a contested case hearing, you must serve a copy of the petition on the Department of Health and Human Services by mailing a copy of your petition to:

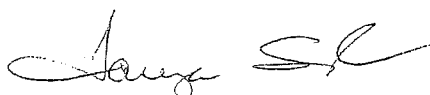
Emery Milliken
Department of Health and Human Services,
Office of Legal Affairs,
Adams Building – Room 154
2001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-2001

It is requested that a copy of the petition also be served on the Certificate of Need Section.

As a condition precedent to proceeding with a contested case hearing on the approval of an applicant for a Certificate of Need, you are required, pursuant to G.S. 131E-188(a1), to deposit a bond with the clerk of superior court where the new institutional health service that is the subject of your appeal is proposed to be located.

Please refer to the Project I.D. # and Facility I.D. # (FID) in all correspondence.

Sincerely,



Tanya S. Rupp, Project Analyst



Craig R. Smith, Chief
Certificate of Need Section

TSR:CRS:tr

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing notice of the agency decision on the following person by placing a copy in an official depository of the United States Postal Service in a first- class, postage-paid envelope addressed as follows:

Wallace C. Hollowell, III
Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, LLP
4140 Parklake Avenue, Glen Oaks One, Second Floor
Raleigh, NC 27612

This the 27th day of June, 2012.



Tanya S. Rupp Project Analyst

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Amedisys, Inc.

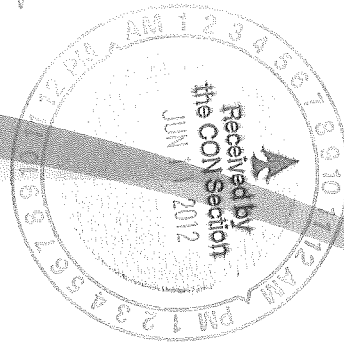
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Baton Rouge, LA 70816

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June 7, 2012



Via Federal Express

Mr. Craig Smith
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Health Service Regulation
Certificate of Need Section
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

RE: Notification of intent for Change of Ownership of:
Parent: Healthkeeperz, Inc.
Medicare Provider Number: 34-1596
License Number: HC4027, HOS4026, HOS4018, HOS4031, HOS4009
FID#: 100133
NPI Number: 1154652428

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is to serve as our written notice of our intended Change of Ownership (CHOW) for the above-referenced licensed and certified Home Care Parent agency (located in Robeson County) and its Hospice branches.

1. The new owner is **Amedisys Hospice, L.L.C.** located at **5959 South Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70816-6038**. **Amedisys Hospice, L.L.C.** is a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Amedisys Holding, L.L.C.**, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Amedisys, Inc.** located at **5959 South Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70816-6038**.
2. The previous owner is **Healthkeeperz, Inc.**
 - Please note **new addresses** effective for July 1, 2012. (see attached agency listing).
3. The proposed date of this transaction is July 1, 2012.
4. This purchase is for the assets and operating licenses.
5. We request confirmation that the project is exempt from CON review.

Please respond to Gusti McGee, Director-Regulatory, Amedisys Inc. 5959 South Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70816-6038

If further information or documents are required please contact Gusti McGee at (225) 299-3528 or by email at gusti.mcgee@amedisys.com.

Sincerely,

Gusti McGee, MBA/HCM
Director, Regulatory



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Attachments

CC: **Ms. Nancy Joyce**
NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Acute and Home Care Licensure & Certification Section
2711 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2711

Type	Status	Legal Name d/b/a	License Number	Facility Number	Current Address	New Address	County	Phone
HC	Parent	Healthkeeperz Inc. Healthkeeperz	HC4027	100133 ✓	509 West 3rd Street Pembroke, NC	30 Three Hunts Drive, Suite C Pembroke, NC 28372	Robeson	910-522-0001
Hospice	Branch	Healthkeeperz Inc. Healthkeeperz	HOS4026	100131 ✓	405 Aversboro Road, Suite 500 Garner, NC	220 New Fidelity Court Garner, NC 27529	Wake	910-522-0001
Hospice	Branch	Healthkeeperz Inc. Healthkeeperz	HOS4018	100075 ✓	6949-1 Beach Drive SC Ocean Isle, NC	790 Sunset Blvd. N, Suite 7 Sunset Beach, NC 28468	Brunswick	910-522-0001
Hospice	Branch	Healthkeeperz Inc. Healthkeeperz	HOS4031	100145 ✓	800 N. Berkeley Blvd Goldsboro, County	1299 Parkway Drive, Suite B Goldsboro, NC 27534	Wayne	910-522-0001
Hospice	Branch	Healthkeeperz Inc. Healthkeeperz	HOS4009	100074 ✓	406 Harris Avenue Raeford, NC	244 Lindsay Road Raeford, NC 28376	Hoke	910-522-0001