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Exempt from Review - Acquisition of Facility

Facility:

Cornerstone Living Center of Bryson City

Type of Facility:

Adult Care Home

Acquisition by:

Bryson City Property Holdings, LLC

County:

Swain

FID #:

920531

Dear Mr. Deaton:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) determined that based on your letter of March 26, 2015, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S 131E-184(a)(8). Therefore, Bryson City Property Holdings, LLC may proceed to acquire the above referenced health service facility without first obtaining a certificate of need. However, you need to contact the Agency's Adult Care Licensure Section to obtain instructions for changing ownership of the existing facility. Note that pursuant to 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,

Julie Halatek Project Analyst

Julie Halatek

Martha J. Frisone

Assistant Chief, Certificate of Need

cc:

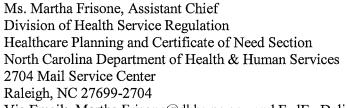
Adult Care Licensure Section, DHSR Assistant Chief, Healthcare Planning



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March 26, 2015



Via Email: Martha.Frisone@dhhs.nc.gov and FedEx Delivery

Re: Notice of Exempt Acquisition of Cornerstone Living Center of Bryson City (FID: 920531) pursuant to Section 131E-184(a)(8) of the North Carolina General Statutes

Dear Ms. Frisone:

I am writing on behalf of Bryson City Property Holdings, LLC, to provide notice to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section (the "Agency") of a transaction involving Cornerstone Living Center of Bryson City (License Number: HAL-087-005), a licensed adult care home located at 314 Hughes Branch Road, Bryson City (Swain County), North Carolina (the "Facility").

The Facility is currently owned by AA Holdings Bryson City, LLC. The Facility is leased to and operated by Assisted Living of Bryson City, LLC (the "Current Licensed Operator"). Pursuant to the transaction, the Facility will be acquired by Bryson City Property Holdings, LLC (the "Buyer"). Following the conclusion of the transaction, the Facility will continue to be operated as an adult care home and the Facility will continue to be operated by the Current Licensed Operator pursuant to its lease agreement with the Buyer.

The acquisition of the Facility will not involve the development of any new health service facility or otherwise qualify as a "new institutional health service" which would be subject to review under applicable Certificate of Need statutes or regulations. Pursuant to this letter, the Buyer hereby requests that the Agency confirm that the acquisition of the Facility is exempt from Certificate of Need review and approval pursuant to Section 131E-184(a)(8) of the North Carolina General Statutes.

If you require additional information, please contact me at (828) 261-7312. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Best regards,

Melvin Deaton