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VIA EMAIL ONLY

August 26, 2022

Carmen Marzella

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**Exempt from Review – Acquisition of Facility**

**Record #:** 4010

Date of Request: August 24, 2022

Facility Name: Hope Mills Retirement Center

Type of Facility: Nursing facility

FID #: 920570

Acquisition by: Juliet Okwoshah, M.D.

County: Cumberland

Dear Mr. Marzella:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) determined that the project described above is exempt from certificate of need (CON) review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(8). Therefore, the above referenced business may proceed to acquire the health service facility identified above without first obtaining a CON. The Agency's determination is limited to the question of whether the above referenced business would have to obtain a CON if the current owners of the health service facility do in fact sell it to the business listed above. 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."*

If the business listed above does acquire the facility, you should contact the Agency's Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section to obtain instructions for changing ownership of the existing facility.

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 regarding whether a certificate of need would be required.

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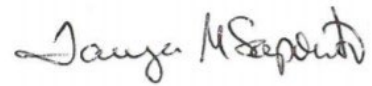
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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tanya M. Saporito in black ink.

Tanya M. Saporito  
Project Analyst

Handwritten signature of Micheala Mitchell in black ink.

Micheala Mitchell  
Chief

cc: Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR



August 23, 2022

*Via Email– [celia.inman@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:celia.inman@dhhs.nc.gov)*

Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
Department of Health and Human Services  
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Raleigh, NC 27699-2704  
Attn: Ms. Celia Inman

**Re: *Exemption Request by Hope Mills Retirement Center***  
***Address: 4217 Elk Road, Hope Mills, NC 28348***

Dear Ms. Inman:

On behalf of our client, Dr. Juliette Okwoshah, we submit this letter to advise the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section ("CON Section") of a transaction whereby Dr. Okwoshah has entered into an agreement to acquire all of the Common Stock of Hope Mills Retirement Center, Inc., the corporate owner of the above Cumberland County facility. The acquisition by Dr. Okwoshah includes the real estate, building(s), and all CON rights related to the Facility.

Accordingly, the transaction should be determined to be exempt from certificate of need review under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8), as it constitutes the acquisition of stock, and thereby a change of owner to by Dr. Okwoshah, of an existing health service facility from the current stock owners.

We would appreciate your earliest possible attention to this matter and confirmation of exemption under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131 E-184(a)(8).

On behalf of our client, I thank you for your attention to this matter. If you should have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me so that I may respond immediately.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**MARZELLA LAW GROUP, PLLC**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Marzella', is written over the printed name.

**CARMEN J. MARZELLA**

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CJM/c

cc: Juliet Okwoshah