

## NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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# VIA EMAIL ONLY

June 3, 2021

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No Review	
Record #s:	3583, 3584, 3585
Date of Request:	May 28, 2021
Facility Name:	See Attachment A
FID #:	See Attachment A
Business Name:	See Attachment A
Business #:	See Attachment A
Project Description:	Change in indirect ownership
County:	See Attachment A

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your correspondence regarding the project described above. Based on the CON law **in effect on the date of this response to your request**, the project as described is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need. If the CON law is subsequently amended such that the above referenced proposal would require a certificate of need, this determination does not authorize you to proceed to develop the above referenced proposal when the new law becomes effective.

This determination is binding only for the facts represented in your correspondence. If changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in the correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by this office.

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES • DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

LOCATION: 809 Ruggles Drive, Edgerton Building, Raleigh, NC 27603 MAILING ADDRESS: 809 Ruggles Drive, 2704 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2704 https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ • TEL: 919-855-3873 Mr. Gilbert June 4, 2021 Page 2

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Celia C. Unman

Celia C. Inman Project Analyst

Gloria C. Hale

for Lisa Pittman Acting Chief, Certificate of Need

cc: Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR

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### Attachment A

No Review Record	Facility Name	FID	County	Owner/Operator	Bus. ID
3583	Brookdale Home Health Raleigh	954205	Durham	Innovative Senior Care Home Health of Durham, LLC	3391
3584	Brookdale Home Health Winston	953899	Guilford	Innovative Senior Care Home Health of High Point, LLC	2537
3585	Brookdale Home Health Charlotte	953857	Mecklenburg	Innovative Senior Care Home Health of Charlotte, LLC	3392



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### VIA EMAIL AND OVERNIGHT COURIER

Lisa Pittman, Assistant Chief Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section 2704 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-2704 Lisa.Pittman@dhhs.nc.gov

### Re: Request for No Review Determination- Brookdale Home Health Raleigh; Brookdale Home Health Winston; and Brookdale Home Health Charlotte

Dear Ms. Pittman:

I write to inform you of a pending transaction involving the three licensed home health agencies<sup>1</sup> listed in <u>Attachment A</u> (collectively, the "Agencies"). The Agencies are currently owned and operated by indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of Brookdale Senior Living, Inc. ("Brookdale").

Anticipated to be effective July 1, 2021, H3OT Corp., LLC ("**Buyer**") intends to acquire 80% of the equity in a newly formed joint venture (the "JV Entity") that will own Brookdale's health care services segment. As a result of their joint ownership in the JV Entity, Buyer and Brookdale will become indirect owners of the Agencies. The transaction is not expected to result in any substantive changes to the operations, policies, procedures or administrative staff, nor will the transaction result in any changes to the federal tax identification numbers, National Provider Identifiers, Medicare provider numbers, or legal entities that own the assets of the Agencies.

We believe that the above mentioned transaction is not a "new institutional health service" within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E- 176(16), because the legal entities that are currently licensed by the Division of Health Service Regulation to operate the Agencies will remain in place and continue to hold all applicable facility licenses and provider agreements following the transaction. However, even if the Healthcare Planning and Certification of Need Section ("CON Section") were to conclude that the transaction is a reviewable acquisition of an existing health service facility, then please accept this letter as a notice of exemption pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8).

We respectfully request that the CON Section to provide a letter confirming that our interpretation of the CON law and applicable rules is correct and that the proposed transaction is not a new institutional health service, or in the alternative, that the proposed transaction

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> (4) "Home health agency" means a home care agency which is certified to receive Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-136; A home health agency office is a "health service facility." *Id.* at § 131E-176(9b).



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is exempt from CON review pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8). Should you have any questions or require additional information about the proposed transaction, please contact me at (615) 850-8903 or by email at tyler.gilbert@wallerlaw.com.

Very truly yours, W. Tyler Offbert

WTG: enclosure

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### Attachment A

License Number	Facility Name	FID Number	Pre-Closing Operating Entity	Address	County	Post-Closing Operating Entity
HC0327	Brookdale Home Health Raleigh	954205	Innovative Senior Care Home Health of Durham, LLC	1005 Slater Road, Suite 330 Durham, NC 27703	Durham	Innovative Senior Care Home Health of Durham, LLC
HC0395	Brookdale Home Health Winston	953899	Innovative Senior Care Home Health of High Point LLC	7900 Triad Center Drive, Suite 250 Greensboro, NC 27409	Guilford	Innovative Senior Care Home Health of High Point LLC
HC0369	Brookdale Home Health Charlotte	953857	Innovative Senior Care Home Health of Charlotte, LLC	9300 Harris Corners Parkway, Ste. 410 Charlotte, NC 28269	Mecklenburg	Innovative Senior Care Home Health of Charlotte, LLC

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Ms. Pittman.

Please see the attached notice of a pending transaction involving Innovative Senior Care Home Health of Durham, LLC d/b/a Brookdale Home Health Raleigh; Innovative Senior Care Home Health of High Point, LLC d/b/a Brookdale Home Health Winston; and Innovative Senior Care Home Health of Charlotte, LLC d/b/a Brookdale Home Health Charlotte.

We respectfully request that the CON Section provide a letter confirming that the proposed transaction is not a "new institutional health service," or in the alternative, that the proposed transaction is exempt from CON review. Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Best,

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