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Mr. Alva Lambert  
Executive Director  
Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency  
100 North Union Street, Suite 870  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

**Re: Request for Determination of Non-Reviewability Status**  
**Submitted by: The Summit Health & Rehab Services, Inc.**

Dear Mr. Lambert,

Pursuant to *Ala. Admin. Code* r. 410-1-7-.02, The Summit Health & Rehab Services, Inc. ("The Summit"), requests a determination that physical, occupational, and speech therapy services provided by The Summit under contract with the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs to the veterans living in Alabama's four veterans homes is not subject to Certificate of Need ("CON") review under *Ala. Code* § 22-21-260, *et seq*, or the Rules and Regulations of the State Health Planning and Development Agency ("SHPDA"). Pursuant to *Ala. Admin. Code* r. 410-1-7-.02, a check in the amount of One-Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) made payable to SHPDA is enclosed for the filing fee. To assist with your determination, we submit the following information:

The Summit desires to provide physical, occupational, and speech therapy services to the veterans in Alabama's Veterans Affairs Homes, namely:

Bill Nichols State Veterans Home  
1784 Elkahatchee Road  
Alexander City, AL 35010

Colonel Robert L. Howard State Veterans  
Home  
7054 Veterans Parkway  
Pell City, AL 35125

Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home  
2701 Meridian Street  
Huntsville, AL 35811

William F. Green State Veterans Home  
300 Faulkner Drive  
Bay Minette, AL 36507-1461

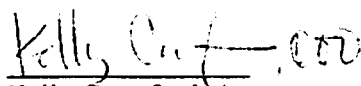
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The Summit was founded in 2001 and is a contract rehabilitation company. The Summit contracts with nursing homes, hospitals, school systems, and outpatient centers to provide therapists to render services and management to oversee the provision of services. The Summit's key strengths are excellent customer service, quality therapy services with positive outcomes, education for clients and employees, and an exceptionally strong management team. The Summit currently serves residents of the state of Alabama in several other locations, such as: Aliceville Manor in Aliceville, Alabama; Pickens County Medical Center in Carrollton, Alabama; and in the Head Start and Early Intervention Divisions of Community Service Programs of West Alabama.

The Summit was recently contacted by Alabama Veterans Affairs officials about replacing the current contract provider of physical, occupational, and speech therapy services for the veterans living in the four Veterans Affairs nursing homes listed above. As you are aware, the Alabama Code and the Rules and Regulations of SHPDA exempt the Veterans Affairs nursing homes from the definition of "health care facility," meaning the Veteran's Affairs nursing homes are not subject to CON Review. *Ala. Code* § 22-21-260; *Ala. Admin. Code* r. 410-1-2-.05(2)(c). Because The Summit will contract directly with the Veterans Affairs homes and because the Summit is replacing the existing rehabilitation services that have been offered continuously for at least the last twelve (12) months, the service provided by Summit is not a new healthcare service subject to CON Review. See *Ala. Admin. Code* r. 410-1-4-.01(1)(d).

Accordingly, based on the above, The Summit requests your determination that the operation of physical, occupational, and speech therapy services at Alabama's four Veterans Affairs homes is not subject to CON review under *Ala. Code* § 22-21-260, *et seq.*, or the Rules and Regulations of SHPDA. I appreciate your response to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me should you need additional information. I can be reached at (601) 906-1034 or via email at [kcrawford@thesummitrehab.com](mailto:kcrawford@thesummitrehab.com)

Sincerely,



Kelly Crawford  
Chief Operating Officer