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Via Overnight Delivery

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

**Re: Methodist Homes of Alabama and Northwest Florida ("Methodist Homes")
Non-Reviewability Determination Request**

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Pursuant to §410-1-7-.02 of the CON Program Rules and Regulations, I am writing to request your determination that Methodist Homes' proposed renovation of its Wesley Manor skilled nursing facility is not subject to certificate of need review.

Methodist Homes owns and operates Wesley Manor, a retirement community in Dothan, Alabama that includes a 166-bed skilled nursing facility, an assisted living facility, and a specialty care assisted living facility. Methodist Homes intends to renovate and upgrade a portion of the existing patient rooms in its skilled nursing facility, create a new entrance for one of the wings of its skilled nursing facility, renovate existing space in its skilled nursing facility to create "neighborhood cores" or common areas where residents can interact with each other, and add a new 3200 square foot addition on the end of an existing hallway of its skilled nursing facility. Methodist Homes will also rework the existing driveway/entrance for its retirement community, repave parking lots, update landscaping and signage, upgrade certain administrative spaces, and complete a variety of other renovations to the retirement community.

Methodist Homes will not provide any new health services or make any expenditures in excess of the applicable spending thresholds under § 410-1-4-.01(1)(b) of the Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules and Regulations (the "Regulations") in connection with the proposed renovations described above.

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The proposed project will not include the addition, relocation, or conversion of any beds, and it will not involve the acquisition of any major medical equipment. Based upon the information set forth above, Methodist Homes respectfully requests that the State Health Planning and Development Agency issue a letter confirming that a certificate of need is not required in order for Methodist Homes to complete the proposed renovation of Wesley Manor.

Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of \$1,000 made payable to the Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency for this reviewability determination. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Hunt", written in a cursive style.

David M. Hunt
Attorney for Methodist Homes