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Re: Monroe County Health Care Authority
In-home/Outpatient Hospice
Our File No. 3551.0005

Dear Alva:

This law firm represents Monroe County Health Care Authority (the "Authority"), which owns and operates the Monroe County Hospital (the "Hospital"), located in Monroeville, Alabama. Monroeville is, in turn, located in Monroe County, Alabama, which is a rural county designated as rural by the U.S. Census Bureau/CMS (formerly the Health Care Financing Administration). Hospital has been in operation for over 50 years in Monroeville. The purpose of this letter is to request confirmation in writing that the Hospital is not subject to CON review to operate an in-home/outpatient Hospice program in Monroe County, Alabama, pursuant to Section 22-21-263, *Code of Alabama*, 1975. The program will be operated as part of the Monroe County Hospital and will provide in-home hospice services to residents of Monroe County.

The following information is provided as a part of this request:

- 1) Name of applicant: Monroe County Health Care Authority, DBA Monroe County Hospital; 2016 South Alabama Avenue; Monroeville, Alabama 36460.
- 2) Address and contact information: Jeff Brannon, CEO; Monroe County Hospital; 2016 South Alabama Avenue; Monroeville, Alabama 36460.

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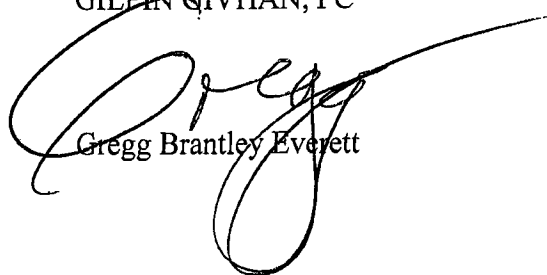
- 3) Service area: Monroe County.
- 4) Services to be provided: In-home hospice services.
- 5) Financial breakdown:
 - a. Equipment: \$0.00.
 - b. First year annual operating costs: \$ 699,950.00.
 - c. Capital Costs: \$0.00.
 - d. Leases: \$0.00.
 - e. Land/building costs: \$0.00.
 - f. Construction costs: \$0.00.
 - g. Filing Fee: Because the hospital is rural, there is no filing fee.

Once we receive your approval, the plan is to apply to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) for a license to operate an In-Home/Outpatient Hospice program in Monroe County, Alabama. ADPH will require confirmation in writing of the Authority's exemption from CON review to operate an In-Home/Outpatient Hospice program in Monroe County, in order to proceed with the approval of a license application.

Thank you for your timely response to this request. Please contact me at your convenience should you have any questions, or need additional information regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Jeff Brannon, CEO of Monroe County Hospital