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Ms. Emily Marsal, Esq  
Executive Director  
State Health Planning and Development Agency  
100 North Union Street, Suite 870  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Re: Request for Reviewability Determination to relocate Community Hospice of Dale  
Medical Center (Dale County)

Dear Ms. Marsal:

I am writing on behalf of Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center (“the agency”) to request pursuant to Section 401-1-7-02 of the Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules & Regulations (“Regulations”), that is the proposed relocation of Agency’s to another site in Dale County does not require the Agency to obtain a Certificate of Need ( “CON”) to relocate the agency.

Effective as of March 1, 2022, or as soon as appropriate state agency approvals are received, Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center will relocate to 311 James Street, Ozark Alabama 36360. This relocation will not change the service provided by Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center and this request dose not seek to change Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center authorized CON service area. The reallocation of Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center will not involve the addition, reallocation, or conversion of any beds, will not involve the acquisition of any stock, and will not involve the acquisition of any major medical equipment.

The relocation of Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center will not involve the construction, development acquisition, or other establishment of a new health care facility and does not involve any capital expenditures in excess of the threshold amounts set forth in CON Rule 401-1-4-01 (\$3,079,347 for any major medical equipment, \$1, 231,738 for annual operating cost, and \$6,158,695 for other capital expenditures).

The relocation of Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center does not involve the offering of a new health care service, as Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center currently provides in hospice care services to the patients in their service area of Dale, Barbour, Pike, Coffee, Geneva, Houston and Henry.

Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center hereby submits the following approximate costs for this project.

1. Cost of Equipment: \$0
2. First Year Annual Operating Cost: No additional operating costs.
3. Capital Expenditures: \$ 25,000 or less

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Based upon the facts stated above the applicable rules, Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center respectfully requests that SHPDA issue a determination that Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center relocation is: (1) permissible without further filings or request to SHPDA; and (2) not subject to CON review.

Sincerely,



Vernon L. Johnson CEO

**Affirmation of Requesting Party:**

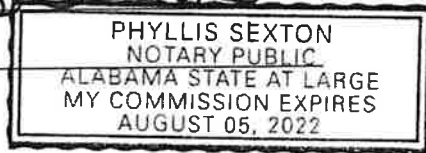
The undersigned, being first duly sworn, hereby make oath or affirm that he/she is Chief Executive Officer of Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center, has knowledge of the facts in this request, and to the best of his/her information, knowledge and belief, such facts are true and correct.

Affiant \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 22 day of December, 2021

Notary Public: Phyllis Sexton

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_



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February 2, 2022

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Re: Dale County Healthcare Authority d/b/a Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center, Request for Reviewability Determination to Re-locate Office in Ozark, Dale County.

Dear Ms. Marsal:

I am writing on behalf of Dale County Healthcare Authority d/b/a Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center to request your determination, pursuant to Section 401-1-7-02 of the Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules and Regulations ("CON Rules"), that the Agency is not required to obtain a new Certificate of Need ("CON") to relocate their office to a building across the street in Ozark, Dale County, which remains within the service area the Agency is permitted to serve pursuant to CON 2486-HPC. To assist with this determination, we offer the following information:

1. The Agency seeks to relocate to 311 James Street, Ozark, Al. 36360. This relocation will not change the service provided by Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center and this request doesn't seek to change Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center's authorized CON service area.
1. Pursuit to CON 2486-HPC, the agency has CON authority to provide in-home hospice services in the following counties: Dale, Houston, Pike, Coffee, Barbour, Henry, and Geneva.
2. The Agency seeks approval to relocate current operations into a more functional building located at 311 James Street, Ozark, Al. The new location will provide for easier access for the clients we serve and provide operational efficiencies.
3. No services will be provided at this location as all services are provided in the patient's home.

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4. The relocation of the Agency's office does not involve the construction, development, acquisition, and will not involve any capital expenditures more than the threshold amounts set forth in CON Rule 410-1-4-.01. (\$3,079,347 for any major medical equipment, \$1,231,738 for annual operating cost, and \$6,158,695 for other capital expenditures).
5. The relocation of the Agency office does not involve the addition, relocation, or reallocation of beds and does not entail the acquisition of major medical equipment.
6. The relocation of the Agency office does not involve the offering of a new health care service, as the Agency currently provides in-home hospice services to patients within our service area, as authorized by CON 2486-HPC.
7. The relocation of the branch office does not involve a new institutional health service subject to review under Ala. Code 22-21-263 and/or CON Rule.
8. The physical relocation of the Agency has a projected cost of equipment of \$0.
9. Current operating cost of the agency is currently \$1,083,830.00, no additional operating costs will be added.
10. Capital Expenditures for the relocation project is projected at \$25,000 or less.

Based upon the above, we respectfully request your determination that Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center is not required to obtain a CON to relocate our Agency office into a more functional building in Ozark, Dale County. We appreciate your consideration of this request and welcome the opportunity to address any questions regarding this matter. Thank you very much.

Best Regards,



Vernon L. Johnson, CEO



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February 7, 2022

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Re: RV2022-014  
Dale County Healthcare Authority d/b/a Community Hospice of Dale Medical  
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Dale County.

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3. No services will be provided at this location as all services are provided in the patient's home.
4. The relocation of the Agency's office does not involve the construction, development, acquisition, and will not involve any capital expenditures more than the threshold amounts set forth in CON Rule 410-1-4-.01. (\$3,165,569.00 for any major medical equipment, \$1,266,226.00 for annual operating cost, and \$6,331,138.00 for other capital expenditures).
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8. The physical relocation of the Agency has a projected cost of equipment of \$0.
9. Current operating cost of the agency is currently \$1,083,830.00, no additional operating costs will be added.
10. Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center operates under the oversight of the Dale County Healthcare Authority and there are no other entities with financial interest in its operation
11. Capital Expenditures for the relocation project is projected at \$25,000 or less.

Based upon the above, we respectfully request your determination that Community Hospice of Dale Medical Center is not required to obtain a CON to relocate our Agency office into a more functional building in Ozark, Dale County. We appreciate your consideration of this request and welcome the opportunity to address any questions regarding this matter. Thank you very much.

Best Regards,



Vernon L. Johnson, CEO

Affirmation of Requesting Party:

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, hereby make oath or affirm that he is Vernon L. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, has knowledge of the facts in this request, and to the best of his information, knowledge and belief, such facts are true and correct.

Affiant \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

*Phyllis Sexton*  
*Notary Public*

My commission expires

