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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: Affinity Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a Affinity Hospice
SHPDA ID 073-P2323
Request for Reviewability Determination for Relocation of Hospice Administrative
Office (Shelby County)

Dear Ms. Marsal:

I am writing on behalf of Affinity Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a Affinity Hospice (the "Agency") to request your determination, pursuant to Section 401-1-7-.02 of the Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules & Regulations ("CON Rules"), that the Agency is not required to obtain a new Certificate of Need ("CON") to relocate the administrative office of the Agency to another site in Shelby County. In order to assist with this determination, we offer the following information:

Pursuant to CON 2323-HPC, the Agency has CON authority to provide in-home hospice services in the following counties: Jefferson, St. Clair, Blount, Shelby, Bill, Talladega, Chilton and Walker. The Agency is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Affinity Hospice Holdings, LLC. No other healthcare facilities or groups have any ownership interest in the Agency.

The Agency's administrative office is currently located at 224 1st Street North, Suite 125, Alabaster, AL 35007. On or around November 1, 2024, and upon approval from the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services, the Agency will relocate to 334 Business Circle, Suite F, Pelham, AL 35124. The distance between the Agency's current administrative office and new office is approximately six miles. The relocation of the Agency's administrative office will not involve (i) the addition or conversion of any beds, (ii) the acquisition of stock or assets, (iii) any change in services offered by the Agency, or (iv) any capital expenditures in excess of the threshold amounts set forth in CON Rule § 410-1-4-.01 ((i) \$3,322,582.00 for major medical equipment, (ii) \$1,327,734.00 for new annual operating costs, and (iii) \$6,638,679.00 for capital expenditures). Finally, there will be no changes in staff, management, or service area of the Agency as a result of the proposed relocation.

Based upon the above, we respectfully request your determination that Affinity Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a Affinity Hospice is not required to obtain a CON in order to complete this project as described in this letter. We appreciate your consideration of this request and welcome the opportunity to address any questions regarding this matter. The applicable filing fee will be delivered to the Agency via Fed Ex. Thank you very much.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly S. Hosford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Holly" being more prominent than the last name "Hosford".

Holly S. Hosford

Affirmation of Requesting Party

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, hereby makes oath or affirms that she, as Regional Vice President, has knowledge of the facts in the attached Reviewability Determination Request for Affinity Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Affinity Hospice and to the best of his information, knowledge and belief, such facts are true and correct.

Brandy Hamner
Brandy Hamner
Regional Vice President



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 17th day of Sept., 2024.

Deborah Ann Faulk
Notary Public
My commission expires: 6/2/2027