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Inquiry

Record #: 2229
Business or Facility: Houston House
Project Description: Acquisition by Integrity-Union Mills, LLC
County: McDowell
FID #: 921193

Dear Mr. Burgess:

In response to your correspondence of April 3, 2017, the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) has determined that:

1. On December 31, 2016, Integrity-Union Mills, LLC completed a transaction resulting in the acquisition of Houston House, an existing adult care home facility.
2. N.C.G.S. §131E-178(c) states: *"No person shall incur an obligation for a capital expenditure which is a new institutional health service without first obtaining a certificate of need from the Department. An obligation for a capital expenditure is incurred when:
(1) An enforceable contract, excepting contracts which are expressly contingent upon issuance of a certificate of need, is entered into by a person for the construction, acquisition, lease or financing of a capital asset; ..."*
3. Integrity-Union Mills, LLC provided no prior notice to the Agency of the acquisition (via the execution of an enforceable contract) of Houston House.
4. N.C.G.S. §131E-184(a) states: *"Except as provided in subsection (b), the Department shall exempt from certificate of need review a new institutional health service if it receives prior written notice from the entity proposing the new institutional health service, which notice includes an explanation of why the new institutional health service is required, for any of the following:*

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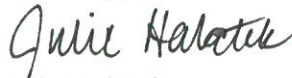
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(8) *To acquire an existing health service facility, including equipment owned by the health service facility at the time of acquisition.*"

5. No penalty or any other sanction will be assessed against Integrity-Union Mills, LLC for failure to provide prior written notice to the Agency of its acquisition of Houston House.

It should be noted that this Agency's position is based solely on the facts represented by you and that any change in facts as represented would require further consideration by this office and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,



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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

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RE: **Notice of Exempt Acquisition by Purchase of North Carolina Adult Care Home Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8)**

Dear Martha:

I am writing on behalf of the entities identified below to provide the notice required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8) of the acquisition of the adult care home currently known as Houston House, Inc. d/b/a Houston House ("Houston House" or "the facility") and to request confirmation by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section ("the Agency" or "the CON Section") that the transaction described herein is exempt from Certificate of Need ("CON") review and does not require a CON. Houston House is a 29-bed adult care home located at 9460 US Highway 64, Union Mills, North Carolina and holds license number HAL-059-012 (FDID# 921193).

Houston House is currently owned and operated by Houston House, Inc. d/b/a Houston House. Houston House is being purchased by our client Integrity-Union Mills, LLC and will be operated by Integrity-Houston House, LLC, both of which are North Carolina limited liability companies and are related entities to our client Integrity Senior Properties Investments, LLC, a Florida limited liability company located at 115 Professional Drive, Suite 101, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082. The transaction closed on or about December 31, 2016. We are currently preparing a Change of Ownership Licensure Application which will be filed with the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, Adult Care Licensure Section this week.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(9b), Houston House is a "health service facility." N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-176(16)(l) provides that the purchase, lease, or acquisition of any health service facility, or portion thereof, which was developed pursuant to a certificate of need qualifies as a "new institutional health service." N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-178(b) provides that "[n]o person shall make an acquisition by donation, lease, transfer or comparable arrangement without first obtaining a certificate of need from the Department, if the acquisition would have been a new institutional health service if it had been made by purchase." N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8) provides that the acquisition of an existing health service facility, including equipment owned by the health service facility at the time of acquisition, is exempt from CON review upon prior written notice to the Agency of the proposed acquisition.

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The acquisition of the Houston House adult care home by our clients, as described herein, will not involve the development of any new health service facility or otherwise qualify as a "new institutional health service" which would be subject to Agency review under applicable Certificate of Need statutes or regulations. Rather, the transaction I have described herein qualifies as an "exempt transaction" within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8). This correspondence is intended to serve as the written notice to the Agency required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8).

Please provide me with written confirmation that this transaction is exempt from CON review pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(8). I appreciate your attention to this matter. Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this notice or if the Agency needs further information.

Sincerely,



Kenneth L. Burgess
Partner

cc: Alan Parrish

