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Record #: 2505 *Care and Hospice*
Facility Name: ~~CarePartners Home Health - Franklin Office~~
Business Name: ~~Community CarePartners, Inc.~~ *92360.1* *FW*
Business #: 2394
Project Description: Change CMS designation of Franklin office from subunit to parent office and transfer Waynesville branch office to Franklin parent office
County: Macon

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

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However, you need to contact the Agency's Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

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Please contact this office if you have any questions. Also, in all future correspondence you should reference the Facility ID # (FID) if the facility is licensed.

Sincerely,



Julie M. Faenza
Project Analyst



Martha J. Frisone, Chief
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section

cc: Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR
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Ms. Martha J. Frisone
 Chief, Healthcare Planning & Certificate of Need
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Re: Request for Letter of CON Exemption

Dear Ms. Frisone:

On behalf of Community CarePartners, Inc. (“CarePartners”), I am requesting the CON Section’s confirmation that the change described below is exempt from CON review pursuant to the NC General Statutes.

CarePartners Home Health currently has five licensed and certified home health offices and is structured as follows:

- 1 Parent Home Health Agency: 68 Sweeten Creek Rd, Asheville, NC
- 2 Home Health Subunits under the Asheville parent agency:
 - 170 Church Street, Franklin, NC
 - 1266 Asheville Highway, Suite 5, Brevard, NC
- 2 Home Health Branch Offices under the Asheville parent agency:
 - 88 Waynesville Plaza, Waynesville, NC
 - 95 Francis Road, Hendersonville, NC

Recently, CMS revised the Medicare Home Health Conditions of Participation and has eliminated home health subunits. Due to this change, CMS is converting CarePartners' two subunits to parent agencies. As a result of this change and to improve operational efficiency, CarePartners plans to reassign the Hendersonville branch office to the Brevard parent office, and reassign the Waynesville branch office to the Franklin parent office, as follows:

	Currently Assigned to:	To Be Reassigned to:
Hendersonville Branch Office	Asheville Home Health Office	Brevard Home Health Office
Waynesville Branch Office	Asheville Home Health Office	Franklin Home Health Office

This change does not create any new home health offices or branch offices, does not expand our current service area, and does not involve any cost. It simply reassigns the existing branch offices to different parent offices. In accordance with G.S. 131E-176(16), this change does not constitute a new institutional health service, and thus should be exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(b).

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We are requesting a letter from your office to confirm that this reassignment of branch offices to different parent offices is exempt from certificate of need review. Once we receive your letter, we will coordinate with the Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section and with CMS to effectuate this change.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gary Bowers (Gary.Bowers@msj.org or 828-777-1870). Thank you very much for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Tracy Buchanan
President and CEO