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**IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**  
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March 26, 2019

Attn: Mr. John Bell  
Cookeville Regional Charitable Foundation  
1 Medical Center Blvd.  
Cookeville, Tennessee 38501  
[jbell@crmchealth.org](mailto:jbell@crmchealth.org)

**Re: Request for State Use of CMP Funds**  
**CMP Request No. 2019-04-TN-0111**  
**CMP Fund Request Approved- \$138,022.00**

Dear Mr. John Bell:

Sections 1819(h)(2)(B)(ii)(IV)(ff) and 1919(h)(3)(C)(ii)(IV)(ff) of the Social Security Act incorporate specific provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act pertaining to the collection and uses of civil money penalties (CMPs) imposed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) when nursing homes do not meet requirements for long term care facilities. In accordance with 42 CFR § 488.433 and CMS Survey & Certification Memo 12-13-NH (effective January 1, 2012) States must obtain approval from CMS for the use of federally imposed CMP funds.

Our office has reviewed the proposal submitted by Cookeville Regional Charitable Foundation for \$138,022.00 to implement a program titled *Standardizing Infection Control for Upper Cumberland Nursing Facilities*. The project will significantly enhance the quality of life for residents living in long term care facilities by: decreasing the prevalence of HAIs originating in such facilities, decreasing the likelihood of transfer of residents to medical centers due to HAIs, decreasing pain and discomfort for residents due to decrease in HAIs, and increasing the comfort and safety of residents in long term care facilities due to better trained and better equipped staff performing proper infection control strategies. Proper training and equipment will also better protect long term care facility staff, decrease pathogen transfer likelihood between facilities, and help to standardize protocols and communication within the Upper Cumberland regional health system.

Based on the CMP application request and additional information provided for review, the CMP request has been approved. Cookeville Regional Charitable Foundation shall submit a quarterly report to CMS that discloses how the project is meeting established goals and objectives, as well as, a final report that summarizes best practices for reducing HAIs in long term care.

Quarterly reports on this project and a final report summarizing lessons learned and be will be sent to CMS, with the CMP request number 2019-04-TN-0111 included on all pages of the report. Please address correspondence for CMS to:

Stephanie M. Davis, MS., RD  
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State use of civil money penalty fund requests are not subject to an appeal. This CMP request was made possible by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in partnership with the Tennessee State Agency.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Stephanie Davis, Chief, LTC Enforcement Branch at (404) 562-7471.

Sincerely,



*for:*

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