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May 23, 2018

Mr. Darren Gee
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**Re: Request for State Use of CMP Funds
CMP Request No. 2018-04-TN-0423
CMP Fund Request Approved: \$89,381.00**

Dear Mr. Darren Gee:

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.

CMS staff and Chief Medical Officers reviewed the proposal submitted by Spring Gate Rehabilitation Center seeking \$89,381.00 to implement "the Wash Sense HAI Reduction and Training Pilot. The facility serves high acuity residents with tracheostomies, requiring ventilator support. In partnership with the State of Tennessee Epidemiology Department, this project seeks to significantly reduce Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI), 30-day hospital readmissions, improve antibiotic stewardship and staff adherence to isolation, hygiene, and personal protective equipment (PPE) protocols. Wash Sense Technology tracks, contains and reduces infections. The equipment is installed at every sink and sanitizer and provides user feedback and room specific clinical protocol messaging. In 2017, the nursing home averaged a urinary tract infection rate of 28 percent and respiratory averaged 30 percent of total infections. This pilot project seeks to improve hand hygiene, decrease exposure to multidrug resistant organisms, cross contamination and educate staff. This is a one-year pilot project.

Congratulations, the CMP request has been approved. This letter constitutes your notice of approval to receive Federal civil money penalty (CMP) funds in the amount of \$89,381.00.

Reporting on the "Wash Sense HAI Reduction and Training Pilot" project is an important and integral aspect of receiving civil money penalty (CMP) funds from CMS. Reports should address the impact of Wash Sense Technology on infection rates and 30-day hospital readmissions. The Medical Director and Infection Preventionist shall address best practices and lessons learned from the utilization of Wash Sense Technology. Quarterly reports shall also address any new findings, pitfalls, successes, and updates on the project, including adherence to the budget. Submit quarterly reports to the address listed below. Reports shall include a cover letter, the name of the project leader, along with their telephone number and e-mail address; and the CMP request number 2018-04-TN-0423 on all pages of the report.

Submit reports to:

Stephanie M. Davis, MS., RD
LTC Certification & Enforcement Branch
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The goals and results of this CMP project shall be shared with CMS State Agency Director's at a meeting date and time to be provided by CMS. A copy of the contract with the state survey agency shall also be provided to CMS.

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 Survey Agency.

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

Sincerely,



for: Linda D. Smith
Associate Regional Administrator
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