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STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

April 25, 2019

Emily T. Marshal
Executive Director
Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency
100 North Union Street, Suite 870
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Ms. Marshal,

Pursuant to Chapter 410-1-7-.02 of the Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules and Regulations (the "Rules"), we respectfully submit this letter requesting your determination that St. Vincent's Hospice may establish a branch office in a county it is permitted to serve under its single Medicare provider number Certificate of Need ("CON") without further filings or requests to the Alabama State Health Planning and Development Agency ("SHPDA"). To assist with your determination, I submit the following information:

- 1. Pursuant to CON 2292-HPC-E, St. Vincent's Hospice has CON authority to provide hospice services in the following counties: Jefferson, Shelby, Chilton, Bibb, Talladega, St. Clair, and Blount.
2. St. Vincent's Hospice seeks approval to establish a branch office in Pell City, located within St. Clair County. The branch office will operate under the Medicare Provider Number of the same, which is Medicare No. 01-1514. No services will be provided at the branch office because the services will be rendered in the patients' homes. Additionally, the branch office will only serve patients in the counties St. Vincent's Hospice is authorized to serve under CON 2292-HPC-E.
3. This transaction does not alter the services provided by St. Vincent's Hospice. Additionally, this transaction does not alter the CON authorized service area.
4. The establishment of the hospice branch does not involve the construction, development, acquisition, or other establishment of a new health care facility and does not involve any capital expenditures exceeding the 2017 threshold amounts set forth in CON Rule 410-1-4-.01, that is, \$2,981,520 for major medical equipment, \$1,192,607 for annual operating cost, and \$5,963,039 for other capital expenditures.
5. Furthermore, the establishment does not involve the addition, relocation or reallocation

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of beds, and does not entail the acquisition of major medical equipment. It does not involve the offering of a new health care service, as St. Vincent's Hospice currently provides in-home hospice services and is CON-authorized to provide such services in St. Clair County. Consequently, this transaction does not involve a new institutional health service subject to review, as defined by *Ala. Admin. Code* 410-1-4-.01 and *Ala. Code* 22-21-263.

Based on the facts stated above and applicable rules, St. Vincent's Hospice respectfully requests your determination that its proposed establishment of an in-home hospice branch office in St. Clair County is not subject to CON review under *Ala. Code* 22-21-260, et seq., and the CON rules and is permissible without further filings or requests to SHPDA. I have attached the required attestation and will submit payment in the amount of \$1,000 through the online portal.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact me. You can reach me in the office at (205) 822-4033 or by email at [cason.brown@ahah.net](mailto:cason.brown@ahah.net). Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cason Brown

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Affirmation of Requesting Party:

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, hereby make oath or affirm that he is Director of Hospice for St. Vincent's Hospice, has knowledge of the facts in the attached Reviewability Determination Request for a branch office of St. Vincent's Hospice, and to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief such facts are true and correct.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Cason Brown, Director of Hospice  
St. Vincent's Hospice

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 25 day of April, 2019.

*Kathy S. Mann*

Notary Public

My commission expires: JAN 19, 2021

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Dear Ms. Marshal,

This letter is in response to your May 13, 2019 request for additional information regarding our Reviewability Determination Request (RV2019-034). Please find the information as requested below.

1. The correct Certificate of Need is: 2346-HPC.
2. The establishment of the hospice branch does not involve the construction, development, acquisition, or other establishment of a new health care facility and does not involve any capital expenditures exceeding the 2020 threshold amounts set forth in CON Rule 410-1-4-.01, that is, \$3,024,899 for major medical equipment, \$1,209,958 for annual operating cost, and \$6,049,799 for other capital expenditures.
3. No other healthcare facilities or groups have a financial interest in Care First Hospice, LLC d/b/a St. Vincent's Hospice.
4. The approximated costs for this project are as follows:
  - a. Equipment costs: N/A
  - b. First year annual operating costs: \$305,520
  - c. Capital costs:
    - i. Leases: \$9,600
    - ii. Land/building costs: N/A
    - iii. Construction costs: N/A

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cason Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cason Brown  
Regional Director of Operations  
St. Vincent's Hospice