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**Re: Determination of Non-Reviewability for Citizens Baptist Medical Center to
Establish an Administrative Office for Home Health in Childersburg, AL**

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I represent Citizens Baptist Medical Center, a rural hospital located in Talladega County that has provided home health services since 2004. The purpose of this letter to request your determination, pursuant to Sections 410-1-4-.02 and 401-1-7-.02 of the Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules and Regulations ("Regulations"), that Citizens Baptist may open an administrative office in Talladega County without the necessity of obtaining a CON.

Section 410-1-4-.02 states that a CON is not required for a home health administrative or branch office within the home county, as long as no patient care is provided at the location. In Citizens Baptist's case, the administrative office will be located at 201 Hagan Avenue, Childersburg, Alabama 35044, which is within Citizens Baptist's home county, Talladega County. Additionally, no patient care will be provided at the administrative office. The new administrative office will allow Citizens Baptist to better serve home health patients in southern Talladega County and its contiguous counties.

Because Citizens Baptist is rural, it is exempt from the filing fee required for determinations of non-reviewability. Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Laurence J. McDuff

cc: Mr. Ray Sherer, Alabama Department of Public Health
Mr. Joel Taylor