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April 6, 2020

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

**Re: Comfort Care Hospice of Talladega - REVISED**

Dear Ms. Marsal:

Pursuant to Ala. Administrative Code 410-1-7-.02 as amended, Comfort Care Hospice, LLC d/b/a Comfort Care Hospice of Talladega ("Comfort Care Talladega") requests a determination that the relocation of its administrative office is not subject to certificate of need ("CON") review under Ala. Code 22-21-260 et seq., and CON rules and regulations. Pursuant to 410-1-7-.02, the required filing fee of \$1,000 was mailed via overnight delivery. To assist with your determination as to reviewability, we submit the following information:

Comfort Care Talladega is an in-home hospice provider with an administrative office currently located at 702 East Battle Street, Suite C, Talladega, AL 35160. Pursuant to the CON issued to Comfort Care Talladega, Comfort Care Talladega is authorized to provide hospice services in Talladega, St. Clair and Clay counties. Comfort Care Talladega proposes to relocate its administrative office to 2048 Martin Street South, Pell City, Alabama 35128. St. Clair County is an authorized service area for Comfort Care Talladega.

This relocation project does not involve construction, development, acquisition or other establishment of a new health care facility and does not involve any capital expenditures exceeding the threshold amounts set forth in CON Rule 410-1-4-.01.

Approximated costs of the proposed project

a. Equipment: \$0.00

b. First year annual operating costs: \$29,971.00 (difference in annual operating expenses)

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c. Capital costs, i.e. leases: \$47,600 per year

Furthermore, the relocation does not involve the addition, relocation or reallocation of beds, does not entail the acquisition of major medical equipment and does not represent a new health service to be offered by and through Comfort Care Talladega.

No other health care facility has a financial interest in Comfort Care Hospice, LLC d/b/a Comfort Care of Talladega.

Based on the above, Comfort Care Talladega requests your determination that its hospice relocation project is not subject to CON review under Ala. Code 22-21-260 et seq., and CON rules and regulations. I appreciate your response to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Angie C. Smith*

Angie C. Smith

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Enclosure

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Affirmation of Requesting Party:

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, hereby make oath or affirm that she is Chief Operating Officer of Comfort Care Hospice, has knowledge of the facts in this request, and to the best of her information, knowledge and belief, such facts are true and correct.

Affiant Lisa Teel (SEAL)

Lisa Teel, Chief Operating Officer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 7th day of April 2020.

Jamie Riviere  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 1/11/2022