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IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
(Receipt of this Notice is Presumed to be March 2, 2021 Date Notice E-mailed)

March 2, 2021

Sunil Kripalani, MD
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Re: Request for State Use of CMP Funds
CMP Request No. 2020-04-TN-0917
CMP Fund Request Approved- \$1,170,700.00

Dear Dr. Sunil Kripalani:

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 Vanderbilt University Medical Center for \$1,170,700.00 to implement a program titled, “Quality Improvement Collaborative for COVID-19 Prevention and Control in Middle Tennessee Nursing Homes. The purpose of this project is to assist participating 75 nursing homes in how to prioritize and effectively implement evidence-based recommendations for COVID-19 prevention and control, through a combination of quarterly facility assessments, tailored education and coaching, and a regional QI collaborative. The training will be provided to approximately 1,500 nurses. This is a two-year project.

Based on our review, we find that the requirements at 42 CFR § 488.433 are met and that the proposal may be funded with federally imposed CMP funds.

In accordance in the 2021 Tennessee Reinvestment Plan and as specified in your proposal quarterly reports on this project and a final report summarizing lessons learned will be sent to Tennessee State Survey Agency, with CMP request number 2020-04-TN-0917 included on all pages of the report. The Tennessee State Survey Agency will be monitoring this three-year project and reviewing all reports. Reports shall be made available to CMS upon request. Please address correspondence to:

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Office of Patient Advocacy
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Every six months, the Project Leader shall schedule and coordinate a conference call with CMS and the Tennessee State Survey Agency to share updates on the status of the project.

This CMP request was made possible by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in partnership with the Tennessee State Survey Agency.

In accordance with 42 CFR § 488.433, states must make information about the results of projects funded by CMPs available to the public. States must submit results of projects using the CMP Reinvestment State Plan Project Tracker, due annually in February and posted on the CMS CMPRP website.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Stephanie Davis, Atlanta LTC Enforcement Branch Manager at (404) 562-7471 or Stephanie.Davis@cms.hhs.gov

Sincerely,

Stephanie M. Davis for

Linda D. Smith, Director
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