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IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
(Receipt of this Notice is Presumed to be March 18, 2019 -Date Notice E-mailed)

March 18, 2019

Attn: Amanda Ryan, PharmD, BCGP
Qsource
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Re: Request for State Use of CMP Funds
CMP Request No. 2019-04-TN-0108
CMP Fund Request Approved- \$156,610.12

Dear Dr. Amanda Ryan:

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 Q-source for \$152,610.12 to implement a program titled *Training and Assistance to Individualize Pain Management and Improve Opioid Safety in Nursing Homes*. This project will benefit and enhance the well-being of nursing home residents in myriad ways. Because opioids can contribute to adverse events such as falls, pressure ulcers and weight loss, individualizing pain management based on residents' specific indication and needs will improve their quality of life.

Based on the CMP application request and additional information provided for review, the CMP request has been approved. Qsource shall submit a quarterly report to CMS that discloses how the training on pain management and opioid safety has impacted quality of care and quality of care for residents in Tennessee certified nursing homes.

Quarterly reports on this project and a final report summarizing lessons learned and be will be sent to CMS, with the CMP request number 2019-04-TN-0108 included on all pages of the report. Please address correspondence for CMS to:

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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 Agency.

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

Sincerely,



for:

Linda D. Smith
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Division of Survey & Certification

cc: Stephanie M. Davis
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