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IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
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October 28, 2020

Dr. Jason Crandall
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**Re: Approval of “Bingocize Project Expansion”
CMP Request No. 2019-04-TN-0705**

Dear Dr. Jason Crandall:

On July 19, 2019, CMS approved a civil money penalty (CMP) project for Western Kentucky University (WKU) Research Foundation to implement Bingocize in 40 skilled nursing homes in Tennessee, over a three-year period.

In December 2019, the Tennessee State Survey Agency contacted WKU to expand the project to include an additional 60 certified nursing homes. While WKU was prepared to expand the project, the 2019 novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) necessitated changes to onsite staff training of Bingocize, group activities and imposed visitation restrictions for WKU staff and university students.

Based on review of the modified budget timeline and proposal, the request to expand Bingocize from 40 nursing homes to 100 nursing homes is approved. The total budget for the three (3) year project is \$1,007,817.00. The new project completion date will be September 30, 2022.

In accordance with 42 CFR § 488.433(d), civil money penalty funds may not be used for activities that have been disapproved by CMS.

If you have any questions regarding the Bingocize expansion, please contact Stephanie Davis, Atlanta LTC Enforcement Branch Manager at (404) 562-7471.

Sincerely,

Stephanie M. Davis for

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