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Caty Manning
Rutland, VT 05701

RE: Docket No. GMCB-019-24con, Development of a New Home Care Business to Provide Non-Medical Home Care Services

Dear Ms. Manning:

Thank you for your letter dated July 30, 2024, regarding your intention to develop an independent business to offer non-medical home care services to elders and individuals with disabilities residing in southern Vermont. Your letter specifically identifies your service area to include parts of Addison, Rutland, Orange, Windsor, Bennington, and Windham counties.

Your letter states that Birchwood Home Care Services (BHCS) will be a new business venture and that you hope to become operational within a three-to-six-month period. Your letter represents that BHCS will only offer non-medical services, including personal care, respite, companionship, transportation, and homemaker services to elders and individuals with disabilities in the counties noted above. You further represent that the non-medical services you plan to offer will be provided by non-medical, non-licensed staff. Based on your letter, the services you plan to offer are non-medical and therefore are not subject to Certificate of Need review.

However, as you proceed with developing and implementing this project, if there are any changes in the type, scope, services, level of providers to be employed, or other changes in the arrangements of the services you propose to offer, please contact the Board immediately so we may determine whether any further process is necessary. Failure to do so as required by Green Mountain Care Board Rule 4.301(4) may result in sanctions, as specified in 8 V.S.A. § 9445.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-760-8162.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry
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cc. Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney, GMCB

