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**RE: Docket No. GMCB-005-16con, Proposed Purchase of Newport Health Care Center,
Newport Residential Care Center and Adult Day Services Program in Newport, VT.**

Dear Shireen:

Thank you for the application for the above referenced project. The information requested below is needed to complete our review. Please respond to the following:

1. Revise and resubmit the following: Overall star rating (Attachment Y); overall staffing star rating (Attachment AA; overall RN staffing star rating (Attachment BB), for all 37 facilities owned by one or more of the applicants and add star ratings for each month six months prior to acquiring each and star ratings for September, October, November 2016. Identify the facilities managed by Priority Healthcare and start date of such management.
2. Correct and resubmit Attachment FF to reflect the correct overall star ratings for Holliswood and Williamsbridge during David Gamzeh's and Akiva Glatzer's tenure.
3. Provide the date of the Quality Measure data below the state average from the CMS website reflected in Attachment Z.
4. Revise and resubmit the table on pages 6-17 using the format used in the Rowan Court application submitted on September 28, 2016.
5. The nursing home administrator for Newport must be licensed in Vermont. Explain your plans for recruiting the Administrator for Newport.



6. Identify the Regional Clinical Director and Vice President of Clinical Services who will be working at the facility as needed. (See page 17 of application.). Explain the specific duties each will provide to Newport and provide their resumes.
7. The application (page 17) represents that Messrs. Glatzer and Gamzeh are each expected to spend approximately eight hours per week at the Newport facility during the transition. It is also represented that Mister Lerner is expected to be on site at least eight hours per week. Each will also be spending the same amount of time at Rowan Court. This means that each will spend two days per week at these two Vermont facilities. Confirm that this representation is accurate and indicate the expected period of time Messrs. Glatzer and Gamzeh will remain on site at each of these two Vermont facilities.
8. Provide the information from the CMS website in Tab I for November 2016.
9. As of November 2016, list and explain in detail the specific steps you will implement to address each of the quality measures that fall below the state average on CMS' website for the Newport facility.
10. There are current no patients receiving hospice care with three residents receiving palliative care in-house. Explain how you will improve the delivery of hospice and palliative care at the Newport facility.
11. The application states that currently mental health services are unavailable at the facility and psychiatric services require an appointment with a six to nine-month wait. Explain what you will put in place to improve access to these critical services.
12. Confirm whether the financial tables represent the 2% decrease in Medicare payments imposed by Sequestration.
13. Provide a list of and date of all improvements made to the physical plant during the past 10 years.
14. Provide a copy of the letter of support from the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living once you receive it.
15. Provide copies of the Vermont licenses of the Director of Nursing, Medical Director, Therapists (PT,OT,ST), Pharmacist, and Dietician.

In responding, restate the question in bold font and respond in unbolded font. Send the original and two hard copies (three-hole punch one hard copy) with a Verification Under Oath to my attention at the Green Mountain Care Board, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05620, and an electronic copy to me at donna.jerry@vermont.gov.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (802) 828-2918.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry

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