

Subject: Genesis Healthcare purchase of nursing homes

Dear GMCB members:

I am writing to urge that you carefully review the application from Genesis Healthcare for a certificate of need to purchase several nursing homes in Vermont. As a Vermont resident whose mother was in a nursing home, I became well aware of the range of care available in these facilities. I found that the small local facilities provided the best care, mainly because the staff was well treated and hence more attentive to the patients. Genesis is a huge public corporation and I think that the GMCB should look closely at the quality of nursing home care we can expect in Vermont if they are allowed to purchase these nursing homes.

I encourage the GMCB to research the lawsuits against Genesis by patients or their family members as you consider whether to issue a certificate of need. This information is easily accessible on-line, which is how I found it.

Sincerely,
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