



December 10, 2013
(email only)

Terry Whitson
Assistant Commission
Indiana State Department of Health
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

SUBJECT: Approval of Request to Use CMP Funds

Dear Mr. Whitson:

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 CMS Survey & Certification Memo 12-13-NH, effective January 1, 2012, States must obtain approval from CMS for the use of federally imposed civil money penalty (CMP) funds.

Our office has reviewed your recommendation to use CMP funds for the Indiana Healthcare Quality Improvement Regional Collaborative Project. The project proposes to develop regional collaboratives amongst healthcare providers in order to improve care coordination for nursing home residents. The project will also include training on quality improvement (QI) and development and implementation of several quality improvement projects such as infection control prevention and safe injection practices. We find that the requirements at 42 CFR 488.433 are met, and that the proposal may be funded with federally imposed CMP funds.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Mai Le-Yuen at (312) 353-2853.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GB" followed by a stylized flourish.

Gregg Brandush
Branch Manager
Long-Term Care Certification & Enforcement Branch

cc: CMS Quality Assurance