

*Wethersfield Health Care Center*  
A Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

October 19, 2011

Christopher LaVigne, Acting Director  
Certificate of Need and Rate Setting  
Department of Social Services  
25 Sigourney Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Re: Wethersfield Health Care Center – Letter of Intent to Terminate Services**

Dear Mr. LaVigne:

The purpose of this letter is to request a Certificate of Need (“CON”) application for the termination of chronic and convalescent nursing home (“CCNH”) services provided by 341 Jordan Lane Operating Company II, LLC d/b/a Wethersfield Health Care Center (“Wethersfield” or the “Center”), located at 341 Jordan Lane, Wethersfield. Wethersfield is a 210-bed nursing facility that serves approximately 182 individuals as of this date. Our CON filing will also request authorization to submit future CON requests for the relocation of the 210 nursing home beds to other facilities subject to department review and approval under Section 17b-354 of the Connecticut General Statutes (“CGS”). Under a separate filing we will request a Medicaid interim rate increase related to high per diem costs during close-down.

The decision to file this letter of intent was not made lightly, as we know that the relocation of residents from our Center will be difficult and the jobs of our 280 dedicated full-time and part-time employees will be affected. Wethersfield made a business decision to file this letter of intent based on the fact that excess bed capacity in the market has and will continue to limit our Center’s ability to achieve a sufficient quality census necessary to maintain operations.

In accordance with Section 17b-352 CGS, today we are also notifying the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and/or responsible parties of request to file a CON to terminate CCNH services at Wethersfield. Notice of our CON request will be posted on the facility bulletin board today.

Our notice to residents (attached) is in accordance with Section 17b-352 CGS as it: 1) includes a projected CON filing date of October 31, 2011; 2) states that only the Department of Social Services (“DSS”) has the authority to either grant, modify or deny the application; 3) that the department has up to 90 days to grant, modify or deny the certificate of need application; 4) describes the reasons for submitting a request to close; 5) indicates that no patient shall be involuntarily transferred or discharged within or from a facility pursuant to state and federal law because of the filing of the certificate of need application; 6) states that all patients have a right

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to appeal any proposed transfer or discharge; and 7) provides the name, mailing address and telephone number of the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and local legal aid office.

As you know, Subsection (c) of Section 17b-353 CGS, requires that a hearing be held at the facility within 30 days of the date that a letter of intent to terminate services is filed with the department. Please contact me to coordinate the scheduling of the DSS hearing and feel free to contact me with any questions you or your staff may have at 203-876-5123.

Sincerely,



Lawrence J. Condon  
Authorized Representative

cc: Hon. Roderick L. Bremby, Commissioner  
Nancy B. Shaffer, M.A., State Long-Term Care Ombudsman