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**SUBJECT: Approval of no-cost extension for CMS project number 2019-04-TN-1216**

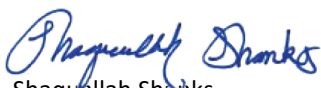
Dear Dr. Mirsa and Mr. Brown,

The State of Tennessee Nursing Home Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) Program has reviewed the no-cost extension request for the *"ENHANCE" Empowering Nursing Homes to Accomplish Nuanced Communication Expertise and Goals of Care Discussions in TN Term Care Facilities* project submitted by the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. This project was initially approved for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Based on the request and additional information provided for review; CMS project number 2019-04-TN-1216 has been approved for a six (6) month no-cost extension. Due to the revised timeline provided, the end date for this project will now be December 31, 2023. This approval was made possible by the Tennessee Department of Health in partnership with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 615-741-6823 or [Shaquallah.Shanks@tn.gov](mailto:Shaquallah.Shanks@tn.gov).

Sincerely,



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