



IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
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February 22, 2019

Attn: Cullen Adre, PharmD
Tennessee Department of Health HAI/AR, CEDEP
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Re: Request for State Use of CMP Funds
CMP Request No. 2019-04-TN-0110
CMP Fund Request Approved- \$21,125.00

Dear Dr. Cullen Adre:

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 42 CFR § 488.433 and CMS Survey & Certification Memo 12-13-NH (effective January 1, 2012) States must obtain approval from CMS for the use of federally imposed CMP funds.

Our office has reviewed the proposal submitted by Tennessee Department of Health for \$21,125.00 to implement a program titled *Stewardship in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care*. The NQP playbook will provide LTCFs with the proper tools and resources along with TDH guidance to promote optimal antibiotic practices thus decreasing and preventing adverse medication related events and decreasing the prevalence of antibiotic resistance.

Based on the CMP application request and additional information provided for review, the CMP request has been approved. The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) shall submit a quarterly report to CMS that discloses how the National Quality Partners Playbook: Antibiotic Stewardship in Post-Acute and Long Term Care is being utilized to foster improved antibiotic stewardship programs in Tennessee certified nursing homes.

Quarterly reports on this project and a final report summarizing lessons learned and be will be sent to CMS, with the CMP request number 2019-04-TN-0110 included on all pages of the report. Please address correspondence for CMS to:

Stephanie M. Davis, MS., RD
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State use of civil money penalty fund requests are not subject to an appeal. This CMP request was made possible by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in partnership with the Tennessee State Agency.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Stephanie Davis, Chief, LTC Enforcement Branch at (404) 562-7471.

Sincerely,



for:

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