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(E-mail only)

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SUBJECT: Approval of Request to Use CMP Funds

Dear Ms. Hogan:

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 Scripps Gerontology Center for \$872,907.00 to implement a program titled *OH-0519-SGC-315, Opening Minds through Art (OMA) II A Quality Improvement Project*. The proposed project seeks to expand on a proven method of engaging residents in interactions shown to reduce feelings of isolation and boredom, improving residents' overall quality of life. Also, the applicant's move to target university students rather than the general public ensures that there will be a steady and more reliable pool of volunteers to draw upon.

Based on our review, 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 decision, please contact Anna Olson at (312) 353-2888.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamika J. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tamika J. Brown, Acting Branch Manager
Long-Term Care Certification & Enforcement Branch

cc: CMS Quality Assurance