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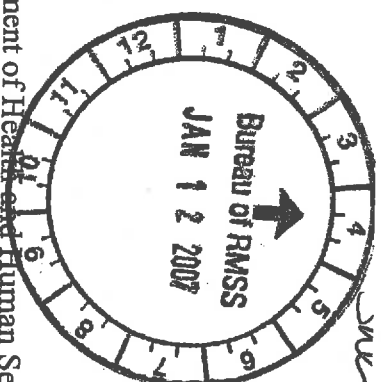


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December 10, 2006

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Keith Jones, LISW
Executive Director

Re: Carolina Children's Home's High Management Program
Dear Ms. Carlton:

At Carolina Children's Home we have prided ourselves with the ability to adapt to the ever changing needs of the youth that we serve for almost one hundred years. The Children's Home is currently serving the needs of nearly one hundred children and adolescents in an array of programs that include Low, Moderate, High and Temporary De-escalation Programs.

The Children's Home is currently in the middle of a massive rebuilding campaign in order to better serve our diverse population. Currently we have three new residential buildings that are designed to adapt to the needs of many new programs as well as a new Enrichment Center that serves the educational needs of our residents. We are set to begin construction on another residential building in January of 2007.

In order to better serve the needs of the youth in South Carolina we are proposing changing our twenty-eight bed Moderate Management Program into an additional twenty-eight beds in our High Management program. Our current High Management Program was opened five years ago and has had the opportunity to serve hundreds of children and adolescents in South Carolina.

The program has continued to be at or near its capacity of thirty children. The program boasts a highly structured and therapeutic milieu and currently employs three Masters Levelled, Licensed Clinicians as well as a Program

Director with the same credentials as LCS staff. The clinical staff provides all of

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the individual and family therapy. The Children's Home also has a board certified psychiatrist that comes out to the facility weekly to see the clients. All of the residential staff have at least a four-year degree from a Human Service Field and are trained to meet the needs of our ever-changing clientele. All staff members that work directly with the residents are certified in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI), a behavioral de-escalation system developed by Cornell University. In addition, we also have four persons who are certified trainers in TCI on staff.

We understand the complexity and sensitivity that comes with closing a program as we unfortunately closed our Supervised Independent Living program in 2003 without displacing a single child. We would begin the transition from Moderate Management to High Management in June of 2007, starting with the closing of our boy's Moderate Management cottage, Nord Rogers which houses sixteen residents. We would use the summer, so as to not disrupt the children during the school year.

The Nord Rogers building is one of our newer buildings that has all clinical and supervisor offices within the facility. The unit is built to hold sixteen children/adolescents in a comfortable setting with short hallways and a centralized observation desk as well as two time-out rooms. There is also a serving kitchen and eating area within the facility for the residents to use during dining hall hours.

In January of 2008 we would close our girls Moderate Management cottage and replace those twelve beds with the remaining proposed twelve High Management beds. Again, we would use the end of a school semester to close the girls program to minimize disruptions. Those beds too, would be housed in either our Connally Rogers Building, which has the same design as the Nord Rogers building, or in our newest building that will be finished by this time. The newest

building, which has yet to be named, will have an open and flexible floor plan that will be capable of serving a diverse population.

The High Management Program is currently housed in a secured building with a sprinkler system that meets institutional standards set by the State Fire Marshall. There is a central observation desk on each unit and the rooms are built in around this desk. There is a spacious day area in the middle as well as an additional bonus game room for residents. This design allows for optimal supervision. All clinical and managerial offices are also located in this building. We would continue to use this building to hold thirty high management residents.

As mentioned earlier, the Children's Home opened our new educational center, The Walker Enrichment Center, in 2005. This building has six large classrooms and houses our homebound school as well as our Clinical Day Program. All residents that attend this school are enrolled through the local school district (Richland District 1). All Children's Home residents are eligible to attend our Clinical Day Program, pending approval from appropriate officials.

As you can see, Carolina Children's Home has a history of being proactive in proving for the youth in South Carolina. We appreciate your attention and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Keith Jones
Executive Director

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February 23, 2007

Mr. Keith Jones, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated December 10, 2006, concerning a proposal for Carolina Children's Home (CCH) to convert twenty-eight beds from Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) moderate management to TBS high management.

The conversion from moderate management to high management will involve a number of steps that include the following:

1. The child placing state agencies will need to be contacted by your program to determine if there is additional need for the high management level of care for the target population.
2. Per the Department of Social Services (DSS), the current CCH license for these beds specifies that the facility is licensed as a Child Caring Institution and specifies moderate management. DSS has indicated that a "correction" to your license will be needed for the TBS high management level of care.
3. An effective date will need to be determined before CCH begins accepting new clients to the high management facility. Please keep in mind that providers may not place clients with different levels of care needs in the same facility. Therefore, all clients will need to be effectively discharged before clients that need TBS high management may be accepted into the program. Additionally, the referring agencies will need to provide a Prior authorization Form 254 and completed Medical Necessity Statement for clients to be eligible for the TBS high management level of care.

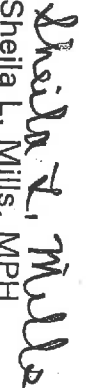
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4. Official notification, including budget information and a copy of the corrected license, must be provided to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Please note that these issues will need to be addressed in order to receive final Medicaid approval. In addition, please refer to the letter sent to providers from DHHS dated January 16, 2007.

We look forward to working with you and your staff. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jean McDaniel at (803) 898-2565.

Sincerely,


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cc: Ms. Mary Williams, DSS