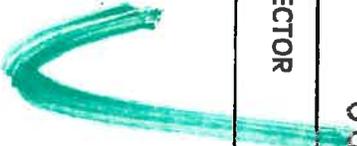


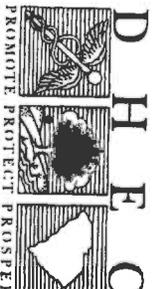
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C. Earl Hunter, Commissioner

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July 11, 2008

Mr. Lawrence Haynes, Administrator
Countrywood Nursing Center, LLC
1645 Ridge Road
Hopkins, SC 29061-8432

Dear Mr. Haynes

On December 16, 2004, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Survey and Certification letter 05-13 to state survey agency directors regarding "Improving Enforcement via the Special Focus Facility Program for Nursing Homes". This letter can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/downloads/SCLetter05-13.pdf>. Then on November 2, 2007, CMS issued Survey and Certification letter 08-02 "Improvements to the National Special Focus Facility (SFF) Program for Nursing Facilities--Notice Requirements". It can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/downloads/SCLetter08-02.pdf>.

Effective February 23, 2005, Countrywood Nursing Center, LLC was selected as one of two special focus facilities from a list that CMS provided. The purpose of the Special Focus Facility initiative was to implement a more robust enforcement for nursing homes that fail to make progress. This resulted in your facility having a recertification survey two times a year.

Effective July 11, 2008, it has been determined that Countrywood Nursing Center, LLC has met the criteria for removal from the Special Focus Facility list. This means the facility has not been cited with deficiencies at a scope and severity higher than "E" on two successive standard surveys and has not had intervening complaint-related deficiencies above an "E".

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the Special Focus Facility program, please contact me at (803) 545-4282.

Sincerely,

Sara S. Granger, Director
Division of Certification

cc:

Dale Watson, State Ombudsman
Isabella Fitzhenry, CMS Regional Office IV
State Medicaid Director