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**VIA CERTIFIED AND ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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ATTN: Physician-Owned Hospital Exceptions  
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Re: Solutions Medical Consulting, LLC d/b/a Serenity Springs Hospital - Request to Expand under the High Medicaid Exception to the Expansion of Physician-Owned Hospitals

To Whom It May Concern:

Solutions Medical Consulting, LLC d/b/a Serenity Springs Hospital (hereafter referred to as "Serenity Springs"), located at 1495 Frazier Rd. Ruston, Louisiana 71270, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana, is a physician-owned hospital. Serenity Springs does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, socioeconomic status, or political beliefs. Serenity Springs does not discriminate against beneficiaries of Federal health care programs and does not permit physicians practicing at the hospital to discriminate against such beneficiaries. Serenity Springs meets the criteria for expansion under the "High Medicaid Facility" exception to the general ban on expansion of physician-owned hospitals and now wishes to increase its number of beds available at its facility, which currently totals 18.

Serenity Springs is an inpatient psychiatric hospital located in Lincoln Parish. Serenity Springs has an annual percentage of total inpatient admissions under Medicaid far greater than any other hospital located in Lincoln Parish. Serenity Springs meets a unique need in the community by providing inpatient psychiatric care, and the demand for such care routinely surpasses the facilities' available beds. For that reason, Serenity Springs requests to expand its number of beds to 36.

**A. Hospital Information**

- a. Name: Solutions Medical Consulting, LLC d/b/a Serenity Springs Hospital
- b. Address: 1495 Frazier Rd. Ruston, Louisiana 71270
- c. Identification Numbers:
  - i. National Provider Identification: 1720025919
  - ii. Tax ID Number: 05-0609610
  - iii. CMS Certification Number: 194074

**B. Contact Person:** Adrian Williams, CEO  
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1495 Frazier Rd.  
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**C. Parish/County of Hospital Location:** Lincoln Parish, Louisiana

**D. Serenity Springs is Requesting Authorization to Expand under the High Medicaid Facility Exception**

To qualify for expansion under the "High Medicaid Facilities<sup>1</sup>" exception, the facility must have an annual percentage of total inpatient admissions under Medicaid that is greater than any other such percentage for any other hospital located in the same parish, for the three most recent 12-month periods for which data is available as of the date which the POH submits its expansion request.

The relevant data regarding Medicaid admissions for hospitals located in Lincoln Parish during the applicable time frame, is below:

YEAR	FACILITY	TOTAL MEDICAID DISCHARGES	TOTAL HOSPITAL DISCHARGES	PERCENTAGE OF MEDICAID ADMISSIONS
<b>2016</b>				
	Northern Louisiana Medical Center	1066	4621	<b>23.1%</b>
	Lifecare Specialty Hospital of North Louisiana	0	436	<b>0%</b>
	Solutions Medical Consulting	224	650	<b>34.5%</b>
	Allegiance Health Center of Ruston	0	563	<b>0%</b>

YEAR	FACILITY	TOTAL MEDICAID DISCHARGES	TOTAL HOSPITAL DISCHARGES	PERCENTAGE OF MEDICAID ADMISSIONS
<b>2017</b>				
	Northern Louisiana Medical Center	1343	4576	<b>29.3%</b>
	Lifecare Specialty Hospital of North Louisiana	1	450	<b>.22%</b>
	Solutions Medical Consulting	378	681	<b>55.5%</b>
	Allegiance Health Center of Ruston	0	615	<b>0%</b>

YEAR	FACILITY	TOTAL MEDICAID DISCHARGES	TOTAL HOSPITAL DISCHARGES	PERCENTAGE OF MEDICAID ADMISSIONS
<b>2018</b>				
	Northern Louisiana Medical Center	1248	4237	<b>29.5%</b>
	Lifecare Specialty Hospital of North Louisiana	5	539	<b>.93%</b>
	Solutions Medical Consulting	302	576	<b>52.4%</b>
	Allegiance Health Center of Ruston	3	629	<b>.48%</b>

**E. Calculations Supporting Current and Desired Beds**

Serenity Springs is currently licensed for 18 beds. Serenity Springs has no procedure rooms or operating rooms. Based upon the continued need in Lincoln Parish for inpatient psychiatric care, Serenity Springs would like to expand its facility to 36 beds.

This is a 100% increase in bed capacity, and falls well within the parameters set forth in 42 C.F.R. 411.362(c)(6), permitting expansions not to exceed 200% of the facilities baseline aggregate number of beds.

**F. Certification**

With knowledge of the penalties for false statements provided by 18 U.S.C 1001, I certify that all of the information provided in the request and all documentation provided with the request is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

With kindest regards,

Very truly,



Adrian Williams, CEO

Solutions Medical Consulting, LLC d/b/a Serenity Springs Hospital