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November 4, 2008

Mr. Dayle D. Stepp, Director
Certificate of Need Program
West Virginia Health Care Authority
100 Dee Drive
Charleston, West Virginia 25311



Re: Certificate of Need for Home Health
Agencies in West Virginia

Dear Mr. Stepp:

I am the Administrator of Panhandle Home Health, Inc; a Medicare-certified home health agency located in Martinsburg. Panhandle Home Health has provided home health services to residents of Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties since 1976.

We have received and reviewed a copy of a letter from Laura Friend, Executive Director of the West Virginia Council of Home Care Agencies, Inc. regarding support for the certificate of need process in our state. A copy of Ms. Friend's letter is attached.

We are writing to endorse and wholeheartedly support the position of the West Virginia Council as described in Ms. Friend's letter.

We would welcome an opportunity to be involved in the development of revised standards for consideration of applications for CON's to establish additional home health agencies in West Virginia.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa R. Bivens".

Lisa R. Bivens, RN
Administrator

Cc: Laura Friend