STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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COMMISSIONER

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GOVERNOR

August 30, 2018

Mr. Frederick Souder, Administrator
Laughlin Health Care Center
801 E. McKee Street
Greeneville, TN 37743

Dear Mr. Souder:

On July 11, 2018 through July 21, 2018, surveyor(s) for the Department of Health conducted a complaint survey at your nursing home pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-11-210. Upon exiting the facility on July 21, 2018 the surveyor(s) notified you or your representative of the possibility of the issuance of a Suspension of Admissions and assessment of Type A Civil Monetary Penalties, due to deficient practices and conditions in your facility which were, or were likely to be, detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the residents. T.C.A. § 68-11-812. As Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Health, I therefore suspended the admission of new residents to the facility pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 68-11-276 and 68-11-813 due to the deficient practices cited above, effective August 11, 2018.

On August 23, 2018, surveyor(s) for the Department of Health conducted a follow-up survey at your facility pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-11-210 to determine if the deficient practices which were, or were likely to be, detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents had been corrected as stated in the facility's approved plan of correction. Upon exiting the facility on August 23, 2018, the surveyor(s) determined that those deficient practices and conditions have been corrected, and the facility has returned to substantial compliance for state licensing purposes.

Therefore, I find, based upon the follow-up survey report that the deficient practices and conditions detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the residents were corrected and the facility has returned to substantial compliance. On August 30, 2018, I ordered the lifting of the Suspension of Admission of new residents to the facility pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-11-276 and ordered the release of the special monitor who was appointed pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-11-221 to observe the operation of the facility.

You will be subsequently notified under separate letter of the costs of the monitor for which the facility is liable. No part of such monitoring costs for which the facility is liable is recoverable by the facility, either directly or indirectly, from the medical assistance program administered pursuant to T.C.A. Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1.

Sincerely,

John J. Dreyzehner, MD, MPH, FACOEM
Commissioner

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Health Care Facilities Central Office
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