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Re: Requests for Interested Party Status
Prince George's County Hospice Review.
Docket Nos.: 16-16-2382; 16-16-2383; 16-16-2384; 16-16-2385

Dear Counsel:

I have been appointed, pursuant to COMAR 10.24.01.09A(1)(b), to serve as Reviewer of the above-referenced applications for Certificates of Need ("CON") to establish general hospice services in Prince George's County. The four applicants are: Amedisys Maryland, LLC d/b/a Amedisys Hospice of Greater Chesapeake ("Amedisys"); BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc. d/b/a BAYADA hospice ("Bayada"); Montgomery Hospice, Inc.; and P-B Health Home Care Agency ("P-B Health").

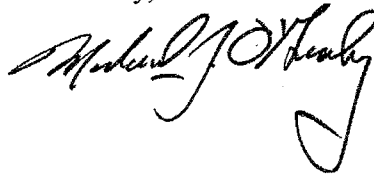
Amedisys, Bayada, and Montgomery Hospice each sought interested party status and filed comments in accordance with COMAR 10.24.01.03F on the other three applications docketed in the Prince George's County Hospice Review. P-B Health did not seek interested party status and file comments on any of the applications. I recognize Amedisys, Bayada, and Montgomery Hospice as interested parties in the applications in this review. I note that P-B Health did not seek or qualify as an interested party in any of the applications.

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Going forward, I request that all filings in this review be submitted in pdf format via email to the parties in this review and to Ms. Ruby Potter, and others copied on this letter ruling. In addition, please send a copy of all filings to Ms. Potter in Word format, since having the filing in that format will assist me in these reviews.

I want to advise all parties that this is a contested case and that the *ex parte* prohibitions in the Administrative Procedure Act, Maryland Code Ann., State Gov't §10-219, apply to this proceeding until the Commission issues a final decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. O'Grady". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M" and "J".

Michael J. O'Grady, Ph.D.
Commissioner/Reviewer

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