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Mr. Richard Lawrence
Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services
State House Station 11
41 Anthony Avenue
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Letter of Intent to Convert Beds

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Bangor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a 60-bed not for profit nursing home operating in Bangor, Maine is seeking to convert 13 of its existing SNF/NF beds and form a specialty dementia unit. I have attached a floor layout of the facility and highlighted the proposed unit for your review. I am sending this Letter of Intent to secure preliminary authorization to move forward. Please be aware that all of the rooms and one of the common use areas are currently used for skilled and long term care residents, and the other identified common use area will have cosmetic modifications only.

As we will be instituting a locked area for this unit, there is some cost involved. Two of the three secure doors needed are in place and will be fitted with the proximity card/keypad security system used presently on all doors opening outside, and additional electronics will be installed on the exterior as required to comply with Chapter 23 of the Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Skilled Nursing Facilities, Alzheimer's/Dementia Care Units. One double-door and framing will be installed. The common use area needing to be updated requires a vinyl floor and dry-wall. No other structural work is involved. The total for all updates will be less than \$ 40,000. For this reason we believe the CON process will not apply. All rooms meet layout and size regulations, and no waivers are in effect.

We are working concurrently to finalize a mission and vision statement and the operating program for care, as well as develop the academic and clinical training schedule required to operate a high quality dementia care unit. I propose that we work jointly and expeditiously to institute this program, and would appreciate your initial input and requests for information as we move forward together.

Sincerely,

Phillip Bennett, MBA, MHA, NHA
Administrator, Bangor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center