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Subject: Healthcare Center at Monarch Landing, Project Number 12-036

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The state of the science demonstrates that continuity of care produces the best outcomes for elderly in long term residential settings. In a stepped residential facility, a person suffering a temporary or permanent health care setback maintains their community, their social contacts and their caregivers across time. This continuity of care decreases the likelihood of memory or disorientation issues. When the continuity of care is maintained and the spirits of the resident remain high with good cognitive functioning, they can maximize the investment in their treatment and therapy and return to their independent setting sooner, incurring fewer health care dollars.

The model adopted at Monarch Landing and other stepped residential, assisted living and long term care facilities enhances health and decreases unnecessary expenditures of health care tax dollars.

I strongly encourage you to support the certificate of Need for Monarch Landing Skilled Nursing services and, in turn, increase the market pressure on other facilities to adopt evidence based and high quality models of long term care delivery.

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Sincerely,

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