



May 1, 2008

Clyde L. Reese, III
General Counsel
Department of Community Health
2 Peachtree Street
5th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Reese:

Can you please clarify standard 31-6-47(a) subparagraph (17) in Senate Bill 433? Is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) with existing sheltered nursing beds wishing to expand its number of licensed sheltered facility nursing beds exempt from CON review, provided that such expansion meets all the requirements of 31-6-47(a)(17)? If so, what will be the process for obtaining written exemption?

Please clarify the above referenced standard and please clearly outline the process by which a CCRC wishing to expand its sheltered skilled nursing beds inventory would go about the expansion while being in compliance with State CON rules and health planning and licensure regulations. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at kplatt@plathmc.com or by phone at 404-728-1974. Thank you for your guidance on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn M.T. Platt".

Kathryn M.T. Platt
President