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CLAREMONT REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER PLANS TO EXPAND REHAB CARE SERVICES

Cumberland County, PA – At their public meeting this morning, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners authorized the County’s Financing Team to move forward with the process of a bond financing of renovations to the Claremont Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (CNRC) so the facility can expand its rehabilitation care services. “The renovations will allow us to admit short-term residents to one designated area that will more efficiently meet the needs of their condition,” said Karen DeWoody, CNRC Administrator.

DeWoody recently submitted a plan to the Board that included a market analysis for an additional rehab unit to further expand services for short-term and long-term rehabilitation care. The nearly \$2.9 million renovation project is expected to take 8-10 months to complete and is projected to increase CNRC’s net revenues by \$480,000 a year. The renovation plan will help maintain the financial viability of the nursing home with the goal of eliminating any potential subsidy to the facility of General Fund taxpayer dollars. Debt service will be paid with nursing home revenue generated by the expansion of services. DeWoody assured the Board there would be no operational impact to the facility during the renovations slated to begin in March.

The dedicated CNRC staff have already made concessions that yielded nearly \$1 million in savings to the nursing home. In order to secure the future of this community-based, skilled nursing facility, CNRC must remain competitive. The new state-of-the-art rehab unit will facilitate that objective and benefit CNRC in its mission to provide therapeutic nursing care for residents with a variety of needs for many years to come. CNRC recently received a Five Star Rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), an achievement obtained by only five county-owned nursing homes in the State. For more information on CNRC visit <http://www.ccpa.net/index.aspx?nid=109>.

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