

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS HEALTH SERVICES PERMIT AGENCY**

**In the Matter of:**

**Montgomery County Nursing Home**

**File # HSPA(1261)-10**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS  
OF LAW, AND ORDER**

**Findings of Fact**

The applicant, **Montgomery County Nursing Home**, is seeking a Permit of Approval (POA) for the purpose of adding three beds to an existing 112 bed Nursing Home, **Montgomery County Nursing Home**, at 741 South Drive, Mount Ida, AR (Montgomery County). Projected capital expenditure is \$0. The Agency makes the following findings of fact:

**NEED:** The net need in Montgomery County is (-18) beds. Section II E of the Nursing Home Utilization-Based

Methodology in the Permit of Approval Rulebook states:

“In any county where every nursing home facility in the county has an occupancy rate of at least 90.0%, and there is no population based need, an applicant may add 10% of their licensed capacity or 10 beds, which ever is greater, if the facility:

1. currently has no approved but unlicensed beds and had no approved but unlicensed beds during the previous 12-month period, and
2. is not located in a county where the number of approved but unlicensed beds equals 10% or more of the county’s licensed beds in the previous 12 month period. “

The occupancy rate of Montgomery County is 97%. The facility is the only Nursing Home within the County.

The application meets the criteria stated in the Methodology.

**STAFFING:** The Agency has no objective reason to believe the proposed facility could not be adequately staffed. The applicant states that the facility is already overstaffed and the additional three beds do not require added personnel.

**ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY:** There is no cost associated with the addition of the requested three (3) beds. Applicant notes their nearly full capacity and states the need for beds to relieve strain on new resident applicants. The additional space for the beds is already built and ready for occupancy upon licensure.

**COST CONTAINMENT:** The additional beds will allow additional residents to receive care without having to commute longer distances to adjoining counties.

**Conclusions of Law**

The application **DOES SATISFY** the statutory and regulatory requirements for the issuance of a Permit of Approval for an additional three licensed beds.

**ORDER**

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Agency hereby orders that the Applicant be **GRANTED** a Permit of Approval (POA). A Permit of Approval will be issued to: **Montgomery County Nursing Home** for the purpose of adding three beds to an existing 112 bed Nursing Home, **Montgomery County Nursing Home** for a new capacity of 115 beds. Projected capital expenditure is \$0.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 15th DAY OF JANUARY 2010

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DIRECTOR, HEALTH SERVICES PERMIT AGENCY