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Mayor James Bridges 4725 E. Main St. Erin, TN 37061

Michael Banks 108 S. Washington Ave. Brownsville, TN 38012

RE: Proposed Public Benefit Hospital Conveyance Transaction between Houston County Community Hospital and Shamrock Community Hospital, a subsidiary of Braden Health, Inc.

Dear Mayor Bridges and Mr. Banks:

This Office has completed its review of documents provided in connection with the proposed public benefit hospital conveyance transaction between Houston County Community Hospital and Shamrock Community Hospital (the "Transaction"). This Office has determined that it will take no action at this time with respect to the Transaction on Houston County's agreement in writing that the purchase price (\$20,039) will not be placed in the County's general fund but will be placed in a restricted account to be used solely for healthcare and health-related purposes for the citizens of Houston County in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 48-68-206.

Within twenty-one (21) days of the close of the Transaction, please provide a sworn affidavit stating that the Transaction has closed, together with a copy of the Transaction closing documents and written documentation evidencing the County's agreement and deposit of the purchase price into a restricted account as set forth above. The effectiveness of this letter is conditional upon this Office receiving the affidavit, closing documents and the County's establishment of a restricted account for the purchase price. Please be advised that if additional matters develop, the Attorney General reserves the right to act in the public interest pursuant to the authority vested in him under the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 48-51-101, et seq., the Tennessee Public Benefit Hospital Sales and Conveyance Act of 2006, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 48-68-101, et seq., and other laws.

Sincerely,

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