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**SENT VIA INTERNET EMAIL TO [gmarchand@glh.org](mailto:gmarchand@glh.org)  
(Receipt of this notice is presumed to be August 24, 2023 - date notice e-mailed)**

August 24, 2023

Gary Marchand, Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Greenwood Leflore Hospital  
1401 River Road  
Greenwood, MS 38930

Re: Critical Access Hospital Certification Denial

Dear Mr. Marchand:

To participate in the Medicare program as a Critical Access Hospital (CAH), a hospital must comply with all regulatory requirements at 42 CFR Part 485 Subpart F and any additional State requirements. On August 23, 2023, CMS notified you during a telephone call that your application to convert to a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) is denied because the hospital does not meet the regulatory requirements at 42 CFR 485.610(c), the hospital is located less than 35 miles from other hospital/CAHs, and the distance between the hospitals does not include more than 15 miles of secondary roads to meet the secondary road exception.

If you believe this determination is incorrect, you may ask that it be reconsidered. Your request must be submitted in writing to this office within 60 days from the date of receipt of this letter. You may submit with your request for reconsideration any additional information you believe to be pertinent to this decision. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Whitlock at (404) 562-7437 or [Jacqueline.Whitlock@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.Whitlock@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

Linda D. Smith -S

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Linda D. Smith  
Director, Division of Survey and Enforcement  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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