PHILIP D. MURPHY
Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor

TRENTON, N.J. 08625-0360

www.nj.gov/health

JUDITH M. PERSICHILLI, RN, BSN, MA *Acting Commissioner*

November 18, 2019

Hildegard Cho Essex Medical Group 16 Academy Lane Demarest, NJ 07627

Dear Hildegard Cho:

The Department of Health (Department) received your application for a dispensary endorsement on August 21, 2019 to operate an Alternative Treatment Center (ATC) pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 24:6I-1 et seq.

Applications for a dispensary endorsement were due to the Department no later than August 21, 2019 at 3:00 PM. Applicants had the choice of whether to submit the application online and only submit signed cover-sheets and checks in person, or to submit the whole application in paper form.

The Department received 196 applications. An initial completeness review of all 196 received applications was conducted by the Department and applications found to be complete were released to the Selection Committee beginning on September 25, 2018 for review and evaluation.

During the completeness review, the following application submitted was found to be incomplete:

Applicant Name: Essex Medical Group

Application Control Number: 19-0075

Region: North

Specifically, submitted check # 7577 could not be processed because of insufficient funds. Pursuant to the terms of the RFA, "any check returned for insufficient funds will result in the disqualification of the applicant."

Accordingly, the listed application was not released to the selection committee and has been disqualified for being non-responsive to one or more mandatory requirements. As stated in the RFA, failure to comply with the mandatory requirements for the application would result in disqualification from the selection process.

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, within 45 days of the date of this letter in accordance with the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey. All appeals should be directed to:

Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division Attn: Court Clerk PO Box 006 Trenton, NJ 08625

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:64-6.5 and the terms of the RFA, your check for \$18,000 will be destroyed. Thank you for the interest in operating an ATC.

Respectfully,

Judith Persichilli

Acting Commissioner

Judith m. Perichille.