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## **BC Resolution # 02-08-23-B**

Designate Debra J. Danforth, BSN, RN as the Authorized Official for Oneida Comprehensive Health Division Activities with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS")

WHEREAS,	the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe
	recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, Oneida's Comprehensive Health Division is submitting Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") application 855A ("application") for obtaining Oneida Home Health Agency ("provider") status to seek reimbursement (a/k/a "billing") from CMS for certain Home Health Services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms required by CMS, as stated in the application, the application must be signed by an authorized official. "Authorized Official" means an appointed official to whom the organization has granted the legal authority to enroll it in the Medicare program, and to commit the organization to fully abide by the statutes, regulations, and program instructions of the Medicare program; and

whereas, the application requires tribal organizations to attest ("letter") that the tribal organization will be legally and financially responsible in the event that there is any outstanding debt owed to CMS. The letter must be signed by an authorized official of the tribal organization who has the authority to legally and financially bind the tribal organization to the laws, regulations, and program instructions of Medicare; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Nation may receive reimbursement from CMS for other funded services; and

WHEREAS, Debra J. Danforth, BSN, RN is the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division Director of Operations. ("Division Director of Operations"). The Division Director of Operations is responsible for the management and oversight of the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division; and

whereas, the Oneida Business Committee hereby appoints Debra J. Danforth, BSN, RN as the Authorized Official of the Oneida Nation in accordance with CMS requirements. The Oneida Nation, granting the Authorized Official the legal authority to enroll it in the Medicare program, and to commit the organization to fully abide by the statutes, regulations, and program instructions of the Medicare program; and

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Oneida Business Committee herby designates Debra J. Danforth, BSN, RN as the Authorized Official for CMS Applications for the Oneida Nation. The Authorized Official is granted the legal authority of the Nation to enroll it in the Medicare program, and to commit the organization to fully abide by the statutes, regulations, and program instructions of the Medicare program.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting\*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Lisa Liggins, Secretary Oneida Business Committee

\*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."