



BEACON HOSPICE, Inc.®



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BEACON HOSPICE TO MERGE WITH SEACOAST HOSPICE & OPERATE HYDER FAMILY HOSPICE HOUSE

CHARLESTOWN, MA (August 9, 2010)—Seacoast Hospice, Inc. (Seacoast) has entered into an agreement (Agreement) with Beacon Hospice, Inc. (Beacon), under which Beacon has agreed to purchase substantially all of the non-real estate assets of Seacoast and to operate the Hyder Family Hospice House, located at 285 Farm Road, Dover, New Hampshire, under certain terms and conditions, with Beacon having an option to assume the Hyder House lease in the future.

Closing of the merger was subject to the satisfaction of numerous conditions, including approval of the transaction by the New Hampshire Department of Justice, Division of Charitable Trusts. Beacon has been assisting Seacoast in the management of its business operations for the last several months.

Seacoast Hospice, which has been providing services since 1978, with the belief that all people should obtain the highest quality of living during life-limiting illnesses and bereavement, will continue to operate under the Seacoast Hospice brand. Seacoast Hospice provides a wealth of programs such as tailored treatment plans to alleviate pain, anxiety and suffering, specializations in pediatric palliative care for children and teenagers, a pre-hospice program to help patients and their families cope with life limiting illnesses and other assistance such as grief services and a lending library of publications specific to issues of loss. Seacoast Hospice is also a major community player, providing speakers and end-of-life education and has been recognized for great services by the community through donations and an abundance of volunteers.

Beacon Hospice will provide a range of services to Hyder House, including its award winning end-of-life services, such as “Deep Harbors,”™ an innovative program in person-centered dementia care. Beacon’s experts utilize environmental interventions and preferred medication treatment algorithms that enable trained staff members to assist with nutrition and feeding, hydration, skin assessment, environmental stressors, non-verbal pain and behavior assessment. Services will also include Beacon Hospice’s “Navigator”™ program, a consultation service in which the palliative care team offers recommendations for managing symptoms, including pain, fatigue, anxiety, nausea, restlessness, and incontinence and also assists in addressing unmet needs of symptom management and psychosocial issues.

Beacon Hospice, Inc., headquartered in Charlestown, Mass., was established in 1995 to serve the needs of terminally ill patients. The Company was founded on the philosophy that all patients should be able to choose the manner in which they wish to live out their lives and should receive the highest quality of care possible. Beacon Hospice cares for patients out of 22 offices in more than 400 communities in New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, including offices in Concord, Keene, and Nashua.

Patient referrals can be made to Seacoast, Beacon Hospice (1-800-HOSPICE) or to the Hyder House with assurance that the best end of life care will be provided by all staff.