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January 11, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Kenneth W. Ruthenberg, Jr
California Small Manufacturing Health & Welfare Trust Fund
11231 Gold Express Drive, Suite 108
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Re: California Small Manufacturing Health & Welfare Trust Fund
Application for Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA) Registration
MEWA Registration No. 633-0003
Submitted May 31, 2022

Dear Kenneth W. Ruthenberg, Jr:

The Department of Managed Health Care (Department) reviewed the Application Form for MEWA Registration (DMHC 10-283) submitted by California Small Manufacturing Health & Welfare Trust Fund pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1357.503(a)(2)(C) under the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, as amended.¹ The Department also reviewed the related health care service plan filing, eFiling No. 20221462.

On February 17, 2023, the Department denied the application for registration for failure to meet the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 1357.503(a)(2)(C). On May 15, 2023, and August 30, 2023, California Small Manufacturing Health & Welfare Trust Fund submitted letters appealing the Department's decision, along with supplemental information.

The Department has determined the Application complete. California Small Manufacturing Health & Welfare Trust Fund is registered as a MEWA with the Department and is assigned Registration No. 633-0003, effective January 11, 2024. The MEWA's Registration does not constitute a waiver of any compliance issues that may be identified on subsequent review and analysis of the MEWA's operations or application form, whether disclosed or not.

Please contact me at (916) 309-3634 or Kelsey.Pruden@dmhc.ca.gov if you have any

¹ California Health and Safety Code sections 1340 et seq. (hereinafter "the Act"). References herein to "Section" are to sections of the Act. References to "Rule" refer to the California Code of Regulations, title 28.

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questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelsey Pruden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelsey Pruden
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