

July 29, 2020



Via Email

Sherman Lohnes, Esq., Director
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Massachusetts Department of Public Health
67 Forest Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Re: VHS Acquisition Subsidiary Number 9, Inc. (d/b/a MetroWest Medical Center) –
Closure of Inpatient Pediatric Service at Framingham Union Campus

Dear Attorney Lohnes:

This letter is submitted on behalf of VHS Acquisition Subsidiary Number 9 (d/b/a/ MetroWest Medical Center), which operates a licensed hospital (#VL8S), with a campus in Framingham, MA and a campus in Natick, MA (“the Medical Center”). Pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122, the Medical Center hereby informs the Department of Public Health (“Department”) that on or about Friday, August 28, 2020, it intends to submit a formal ninety-day (90) notice of the proposed discontinuation of the Medical Center’s Inpatient Pediatric Service at MetroWest Medical Center Framingham Union Campus, located at 115 Lincoln Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

Please note that in compliance with the Department’s regulations, the Medical Center through separate correspondence is sending notice today to the Medical Center’s patient and family council, each staff member of the Medical Center, and every labor organization that represents the Medical Center’s workforce during the period of the essential services closure process. Notice is being sent today to the members of the General Court who represent the City of Framingham and the Town of Natick, as well as the City of Framingham’s Mayor and City Council Chair, and the Town of Natick’s Board of Selectmen Chair and Town Administrator.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ASL', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Andrew S. Levine

cc: The Hon. Karen E. Spilka (Sen.)
The Hon. Rebecca L. Rauch (Sen.)
The Hon. Jack P. Lewis (Rep.)
The Hon. David P. Linsky (Rep.)
The Hon. Maria Duaine Robinson (Rep.)
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