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Via Email

Stephen Davis, Director
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67 Forest Street
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Re: Brigham and Women's Hospital – Inpatient Burn Beds

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Brigham and Women's Hospital ("BWH") with respect to ten licensed burn beds located at 75 Francis Street, Boston, MA 02115. Pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122, BWH hereby informs the Department of Public Health ("Department") that on or about December 24, 2025, it intends to submit a formal ninety-day (90) notice of the proposed closure of the Hospital's 10 designated inpatient burn beds.

By way of background, Mass General Brigham (MGB) currently operates two inpatient burn services, one at BWH and one at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH). The two services are both located in Boston and are 3.3 miles apart. Based on historical census at BWH, MGH has capacity to care for the patients historically served by BWH. As a result, there will be no disruption in patient access to inpatient burn services in the region.

The decision to consolidate BWH and MGH's burn services is a result of a thorough evaluation of how to sustain and strengthen burn care across MGB and ensure this highly specialized service continues to thrive well into the future. As a result of this thoughtful analysis, MGB plans to launch the Mass General Brigham Sumner M. Redstone Burn Center— a unified program that will centralize expertise, optimize resources, and elevate the quality, safety, and continuity of burn care across the MGB system. The Mass General Brigham Sumner M. Redstone Burn Center will be located at MGH. At that time, BWH will designate its existing ten licensed burn beds to ICU beds. Consolidating existing services into one program will allow for best-practice standardization, enhance long-term sustainability, and minimize redundancy.

Please note that in compliance with the Department's regulations, BWH, through separate correspondence, is sending notice to the BWH's Patient and Family Advisory Council, each staff member of BWH, and every labor organization that represents BWH's workforce during the period

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of the essential services closure process. Notice is also being sent today to the members of the General Court, as well as appropriate local elected officials.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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