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## Via Email

Stephen Davis, Director  
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67 Forest Street  
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Re: Holy Family Hospital – Haverhill Campus

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Holy Family Hospital (“Hospital”) with respect to its campus located at 140 Lincoln Street, Haverhill, MA 01830 (“Haverhill Campus”). Pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122, the Hospital hereby informs the Department of Public Health (“Department”) that on or about June 30, 2025, it intends to submit a formal ninety-day (90) notice of the proposed closure of certain services at the Haverhill Campus.

In 2024, Massachusetts confronted the collapse of Steward Health Care and the potential elimination of health care services for the region with the closure of Holy Family Hospital Methuen and Haverhill campuses. The leadership team at Lawrence General Hospital (“LGH”) stepped forward as a trusted operator and – in partnership with the state – to stabilize, preserve and enhance health care access in the Merrimack Valley after years of underinvestment at the hands of Steward.

As Holy Family Hospital is fully integrating into a new system that includes LGH, they are working strategically to invest in and redeploy care and resources in a more thoughtful integrated manner that better meets the needs of its communities. Planning related to this notice has further been informed by the findings of a comprehensive, collaborative evaluation led by state, regional, and local leaders. This committee, the Eastern Merrimack Valley Work Group, was formed following LGH’s acquisition of the Hospital to assess the region’s health care needs.

To that end, the Haverhill campus will no longer operate the inpatient medical/surgical service consisting of 59 beds at the Haverhill Campus. The current average daily census of nine (9) patients can be served by the Methuen campus and LGH. With the closure of that service the emergency department (“ED”) on the Haverhill Campus will need to cease operations as a hospital ED. In its place, the Hospital will operate a Satellite Emergency Facility (“SEF”). The SEF will function as a satellite of the Hospital’s Methuen campus, offering emergent care services for patients in the

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same location as the existing ED with minimal disruption to the services currently available to patients.

Additionally, this notice will also seek to formally close the Haverhill Campus 10 bed intensive care unit (ICU), which has been out of service since January 2024. The inpatient psychiatric beds at the Haverhill campus will remain in service and are not impacted by this notice.

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