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**Via E-Mail**

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Re: Beverly Hospital- 90-day Notice of Closure of Birth Center Services

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Beverly Hospital (license #V93D) located at 85 Herrick Street Beverly, MA 01915 (the "Hospital") in follow up to the initial essential services closure notice that the Hospital filed with the Department of Public Health (the "Department") on May 11, 2022. Pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122(B), the Hospital hereby provides the required ninety (90) day notice to the Department of its intent to discontinue operation of its outpatient Birth Center Service (the "Service").

As required by the Department's regulations, below please find: (i) current utilization rates for the Service; (ii) the anticipated impact for individuals in the Hospital's service area; (iii) the date set for discontinuation; (iv) the names and addresses of any organized health care coalitions and community groups known to the Hospital as of the date of this notice; and (v) a detailed account of any community engagement and planning that has occurred prior to submission of this notice.

1. **Current Utilization Rates.** The following table details the Service for the last three fiscal years ("FY"), including FY22 through May. As evidenced by the data below, less than 30% of Birth Center patients, on average, have delivered at the Birth Center location in the last three fiscal years. Rather, well over 70% of Birth Center patients have delivered at the Hospital.

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22 through May
<b>Total Birth Center Patient Deliveries (both at Birth Center and at Hospital)</b>	217	188	228	139
<b>Total Birth Center Patient Deliveries at the North Shore Birth Center</b>	51	55	77	9
<b>Total Birth Center Patient Deliveries at the Hospital</b>	166	133	151	130