

December 13, 2025

Via E-Mail

Stephen Davis, Director
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Re: Beverly Hospital- 90-day Notice of Closure of Intensive Care Unit Service on the Addison Gilbert Hospital campus

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 November 13, 2025. Pursuant to 105 C.M.R. § 130.122(B), the Hospital hereby provides the required ninety (90) day notice to the Department of its intent to formally discontinue operation of its 4-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) service at its Addison Gilbert Hospital campus (the “Service”). The Hospital will continue to maintain its 14-bed ICU Service on its Beverly Hospital campus.

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”). As evidenced by the data below, the Service has been offline since the COVID-19 pandemic due to a combination of infection control considerations, staffing, and resource scarcity.

	FY23	FY24	FY25
Total ICU admissions at the Hospital’s Addison Gilbert campus only	0	0	0

Total ICU admissions at both the Hospital's Beverly campus as well as its Addison Gilbert campus	919	1,054	1,079
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Over the last 3 fiscal years, 57 patients from AGH's primary service area¹ presented to the AGH Emergency Department and were determined to require an ICU level of care. All of these patients were stabilized in the AGH ED and the majority transferred to an ICU bed at Beverly Hospital. A small minority of patients were transferred to an ICU bed at another hospital (often AGH's affiliated tertiary facilities, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center) either due to clinical need/acute or due to resource availability at the Beverly campus.

2. **Impact of Discontinuance.** The Hospital does not anticipate a negative impact on patient access following the closure of the Service, especially since all patients in need of an ICU bed have been safely transferred to the ICU at the Hospital's main campus in Beverly or to regional tertiary and quaternary facilities depending on acuity/clinical need during the last several years. Further, the Hospital notes that given progress in caring for higher acuity patients on its general med/surg units, there is less demand for ICU level of care.

3. **Date of Discontinuance.** This ninety (90) day notice is hereby provided for a target closure date of March 13, 2026.

4. **Health Care Coalitions and Community Groups.** The Hospital anticipates that the following community groups may have an interest in the discontinuation of the Service:

Partners for Addison Gilbert Hospital
 Lead Contact: Margaret "Peg" O'Malley (pego56@comcast.net)

Addison Gilbert Hospital Citizens Fund
 Lead Contact: Lee Swekla (swekla.lee@gmail.com)

5. **Community Engagement and Planning Activities Prior to the Notice of Closure.** The Hospital has undertaken the following community engagement and planning activities with respect to the planned closure:

- Week of November 10, 2025 – Communicated with state and local representatives and officials, including Senator Bruce Tarr, Representative Hannah Bowen, the Office of Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante, Mayor Greg Verga (Gloucester), and Mayor Elect Paul Lundberg (Gloucester) regarding the Hospital's plans to close the Service.
- November 13, 2025 – Communicated with the Hospital's Board of Trustees regarding the closure of the Service.

¹ AGH's primary service area is comprised of Gloucester and Rockport.

- November 13, 2025 – Email notice of closure provided to the Hospital’s medical staff and employees, Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA), Massachusetts Senators and Representatives for Beverly and Gloucester, local officials of Gloucester, Gloucester City Council members, and the Hospital’s Patient Family Advisory Committee (PFAC).
- November 21, 2025 – Hospital leadership hosted a virtual listening session with members of the Partners for Addison Gilbert Hospital and Addison Gilbert Hospital Citizens Fund during which the ICU closure was discussed.
- December 4, 2025- Hospital leadership hosted a virtual listening session with the Beverly and Addison Gilbert Hospitals Patient & Family Advisory Council during which the ICU closure was discussed.

If you require further information with respect to this matter, please contact Meg Cosgrove, Senior Associate General Counsel at (781) 510-1363.

Sincerely,



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