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Via Email

Stephen Davis, Director
Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification
Department of Public Health
67 Forest Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Re: Brigham and Women's Hospital – Closure of Inpatient Burn Beds

Dear Mr. Davis:

We write on behalf of Brigham and Women's Hospital ("BWH") with respect its inpatient burn service 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 March 25, 2026, BWH will close its inpatient burn service.

By way of background, Mass General Brigham ("MGB") currently operates two inpatient burn services, one at BWH and one at Massachusetts General Hospital ("MGH"). 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 as ICU beds. Consolidating existing services into one program will allow for best-practice standardization, enhance long-term sustainability, and minimize redundancy. Accordingly, the closure and consolidation of services to MGH will enhance patient access.

In compliance with applicable requirements at 105 CMR 130.122(B), BWH provides this written notice of the planned discontinuance of the services noted above. The following information regarding the discontinuance is hereby provided for your review:

1. Current and historical utilization rates for the service.

As demonstrated by the table below, the historical utilization of the 10 burn beds is low and patients will not be adversely impacted because care is being consolidated to MGH.

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BWH Service	FY2024	FY2025
Discharges	42	27
Average Daily Census	1.04	0.99

2. A description of the anticipated impact on individuals in the Hospital's service area following the closure of the Services.

The consolidation of burn services to MGH presents the opportunity to enhance care delivery. By directing all new burn patients to a single, dedicated burn center at MGH, MGB will provide clearer, more reliable access to specialized burn services. This transition does not reduce system-wide burn care capacity. Instead, it aligns services to maintain timely access while balancing demand across the system. As burn care is centralized at MGH, additional trauma cases will be redirected to BWH, preserving access to emergency and critical care services for the broader patient population.

Centralizing burn care at the Redstone Burn Center at MGH will allow for the concentration of experienced multidisciplinary teams, including surgeons, advanced practice providers, nurses, and rehabilitation specialists. Maintaining sufficient case volume at a single site supports clinical excellence, preserves high-acuity skills required for national burn certification, and enables consistent application of best-practice standards across all patients. A unified program reduces duplication, enhances care coordination, and allows providers to work within a single, integrated clinical model, leading to safer, more comprehensive, and more patient-centered care. Moreover, patients will benefit from improved continuity of care throughout their recovery journey, from acute resuscitation through rehabilitation and follow-up. By unifying services under one sustainable model, MGB can continue advancing burn care, investing in specialized staff, and supporting ongoing research and clinical excellence, ultimately benefiting patients across the region for decades to come.

3. Date for the closure of the Services.

The date of the closure is March 25, 2026.

4. Names and addresses of any organized health care coalitions and community groups known to the Hospital when the notice is issued to DPH that would have an interest in the closure of the Services. (Please list).

American College of Surgeons, 633 N Saint Clair St, Chicago, IL 606611

American Burn Association, 311 S. Wacker Dr. Suite 4150, Chicago, IL 60606

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Phoenix Society, 6026 Kalamazoo Ave, SE, # 211, Kentwood, MI 49508

Burn Survivors of New England, 15 Beech St., Cambridge, MA 02140

5. A detailed account of any community engagement and planning which has occurred prior to filing notice of the closure.

The following is a list of individuals and groups engaged regarding the closure.

- All Massachusetts legislators representing the city of Boston
- Mayor Michelle Wu
- Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune
- Boston Public Health Commission
- Congresswoman Ayana Pressley
- Congressman Stephen Lynch
- Senator Elizabeth Warren
- Senator Edward Markey
- Massachusetts Nurses Association
- Area Trades Council
- Committee of Interns and Residents
- BWH Patient and Family Advisory Council
- All staff of BWH
- Affected staff of MGH
- EMT service providers
- Boston MedFlight

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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