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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: MelroseWakefield Healthcare, Inc. - Closure of Inpatient Psychiatric Beds

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter is submitted on behalf of MelroseWakefield Healthcare, Inc. (“Hospital”) regarding its inpatient psychiatric services located at its campuses in Melrose and Medford. The Hospital is a member of Tufts Medicine and operates two campuses that provide inpatient psychiatric services in a total of 58 beds. Adult inpatient psychiatric services are provided in 24 beds at the main campus located at 585 Lebanon Street in Melrose. Inpatient geriatric psychiatry services are provided in 34 beds at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital campus located at 170 Governors Avenue in Medford. The closure of these beds will allow Tufts Medicine to improve and expand access to care at a new inpatient psychiatric hospital in Malden. Pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122, the Hospital hereby informs the Department of Public Health that it will close its inpatient psychiatric beds on March 31, 2026.

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

1. Current and historical utilization rates for the inpatient psychiatric service.

FY 2024	Geriatric Beds	Adult Beds
Beds	34	24
Average Daily Census	29.46	20.51
Discharges	457	583

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FY 2025	Geriatric Beds	Adult Beds
Beds	34	24
Average Daily Census	24.62	17.86
Discharges	348	640

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

In February 2026, Acadia Healthcare Company and Tufts Medicine will open Tufts Medicine Behavioral Health Hospital, a 144-bed inpatient behavioral health hospital licensed by the Department of Mental Health. The new hospital is located at 100 Hospital Road in Malden and will provide access to same service area currently served by the Hospital. When fully operational, the new hospital will have 72 adult beds, 48 geriatric beds and 24 adolescent beds. Moreover, the new hospital's additional 86 beds will meet a need for more behavioral health capacity in the Commonwealth.

The Hospital will close its inpatient psychiatric beds on March 31, 2026, providing time for the new hospital to open and begin admitting patients before the Hospital's beds are closed. Prior to the closure, the Hospital will complete discharge planning for all patients in collaboration with patients and caregivers. All patients will be discharged and transitioned to the appropriate level of care for the patient's ongoing needs. Through these activities, the Hospital will ensure that current patients are discharged to the appropriate setting prior to closure.

3. Date for the closure of the beds.

The date of the closure is March 31, 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).

Massachusetts Association for Mental Health (MAMH)
50 Federal Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Mystic Valley Elder Services
300 Commercial Street, Suite 19
Malden, MA 02148

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Mystic Valley Public Health Coalition
85 George P. Hassett Drive
Medford, MA 02155

NAMI Central Middlesex
P.O. Box 2793
Acton, MA 01720

NAMI Massachusetts
529 Main Street, Suite 1M17
Boston, MA 02129

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, groups and agencies engaged regarding the closure.

- The Hospital's Patient and Family Advisory Council
- All Hospital staff
- Executive Office of Health and Services
- Department of Mental Health
- Office of Governor Maura Healey
- Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General
- Health Policy Commission
- Office of Mayor Gary Christensen (Malden)
- Office of City Council President Amanda Linehan (Malden)
- Office of Mayor Jennifer Grigoraitis (Melrose)
- Office of Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn (Medford)
- Office of the Massachusetts Senate President, Karen Spilka
- Office of State Senator Cindy Friedman
- Office of State Senator Patricia D. Jehlen
- Office of State Senator Jason M. Lewis
- Office of the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Ronald Mariano
- Office of State Representative John Lawn
- Office of State Representative Paul J. Donato
- Office of State Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian
- Office of State Representative Steven Ultrino
- Office of Senator Edward Markey
- Office of Senator Elizabeth Warren
- Office of Congresswoman Katherine Clark

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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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Health Policy Commission
Office of the Attorney General
Center for Health Information and Analysis
Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development