

February 17, 2021

Ms. Lara Szent-Gyorgyi
Director, Determination of Need
Determination of Need Program
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02511

Dear Ms. Szent-Gyorgyi:

We are writing to request an amendment to Holyoke Medical Center's psychiatric bed project approved by the Determination of Need Program on November 10, 2020. The original project was to modify two (2) existing inpatient units to increase adult inpatient psychiatric bed capacity from the current twenty (20) beds to thirty-eight (38) and to create a nine (9) bed child and adolescent unit to accommodate the needed increase in psychiatric beds.

We would like to amend the original project by increasing the adult inpatient psychiatric beds from the current twenty (20) beds to fifty-four (54) by creating two (2) additional adult units; an eighteen (18) bed unit and a sixteen (16) bed unit. We will no longer create the nine (9) bed child and adolescent unit.

The request for this amendment resulted from discussions with the Department of Mental Health and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services regarding a reassessment of psychiatric bed needs in the area. Another local hospital is in the process of creating a child and adolescent unit which would meet area demand. However, the need for adult psychiatric beds continues to be extremely high and the addition of thirty-four (34) adult beds would help to address this need.

We are respectfully requesting approval of the proposed change to our original project and that the approval letter dated November 10, 2020 be updated to reflect this change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Spiros Hatiras
President and CEO

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