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RE: Notification for Substantial Change in Service: Lowell General Hospital Emergency Use of Alternative Patient Care Space Related to COVID-19 State of Emergency

Dear Mr. McAuliffe:

The Department received the notification above on April 17, 2020 to establish an inpatient satellite/campus of the Hospital at the University of Massachusetts — Lowell. The temporary alternative care space will be a 90 bed post-acute care center at the UML Recreation Center located at 322 Aiken Street in Lowell, which will be used for the management and treatment of the COVID-19 virus.

After review, DPH has determined the need for the Proposed Project relates to the State of Emergency. As a result, you may commence the Proposed Project. We understand that this Change in Service is temporary in nature.

Sincerely,

<signature on file>

Margo Michaels, MPH

Director, Determination of Need

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