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## VIA email

April 18, 2020

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RE: Notification for Substantial Change in Service: Southcoast Hospitals Group, Inc Emergency Use of Alternative Patient Care Space Related to COVID-19 State of Emergency

Dear Ms. Clark:

The Department received the notification above on April 17, 2020 to establish an inpatient satellite/campus of Southcoast Hospitals Group at the University of Massachusetts — Dartmouth. The temporary alternative care space will contain 100 medical/surgical beds at the Tripp Athletic Center, 285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth, 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, and that you will provide costs to the Department as soon as they are available.

Sincerely,

<signature on file>

Margo Michaels, MPH

Director, Determination of Need

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