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Nancy Shendell-Falik, RN, MA,  
President, Baystate Medical Center  
Senior Vice President, Hospital Operations,  
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759 Chestnut Street  
Springfield, MA 01199

**RE: Baystate Medical Center, Inc. d/b/a Baystate Medical Center - Application to Add Adolescent and Pediatric Psychiatric Beds Pursuant to Order of the Commissioner of Public Health Regarding Determination of Need Approvals Related to COVID-19**

Dear Ms. Shendell-Falik:

The Department received the notification above on December 23, 2020 to add an inpatient adolescent and pediatric psychiatric unit consisting of 12 beds at Baystate Medical Center, located at 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199.

Baystate Medical Center seeks to add an inpatient adolescent and pediatric psychiatric unit, to its license to respond to the needs of its patient population. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a greater need for inpatient psychiatric services, as resources are stretched in hospital Emergency Departments ("EDs") and individuals requiring an inpatient psychiatric bed face extended ED boarding times. These capacity constraints delay care for a vulnerable population. Specifically, there is an increased awareness of negative effects the COVID-19 pandemic is having on child and adolescent mental health due to quarantine orders, remote learning, and destabilization in families.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karyn E. Polito".

Lara Szent-Gyorgyi  
Director, Determination of Need

c: Sherman Lohnes, Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification, DPH  
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