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April 10, 2023

Mr. Stewart A. Karger

Administrator

Belmont Manor

34 Agassiz Avenue

Belmont, MA 02478

Dear Mr. Karger:

I am writing regarding your request for an extension on DoN Project# 19090415-LE. The original project approval date was April 23, 2020; however, the construction project has been delayed, originally because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the de-stabilization of occupancy and staffing as well as the extremely high cost of construction. Staffing levels have stabilized, and operations are nearing pre­ pandemic levels. Based on this delay, the Determination of Need Program is granting an extension through May 1, 2026.

We request that you send an email to [DPH.DON@MassMail.MA.US](mailto:DPH.DON@MassMail.MA.US) when you have met the following milestones:

1. When you have selected a contractor.
2. When you commence with construction.
3. Provide a construction update during the first week of December,2025.
4. When the construction project is completed.

Sincerely,

[signature on file]

Dennis Renaud

Director, Determination of Need

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