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RE: The Children's Medical Center Corporation for its facility The Children's Hospital Corporation (d/b/a/ Boston Children's Hospital) - Application to Add Adolescent & Pediatric Psychiatric Beds Pursuant to Order of the Commissioner of Public Health Regarding Determination of Need Approvals Related to COVID -19

Dear Ms. Casey:

The Department received the notification above on January 14, 2021 for the addition of a 12 bed inpatient adolescent and pediatric psychiatric unit at its Waltham campus, located at 9 Hope Avenue, Waltham, MA 02453 in accordance with the Department of Public Health's Updated Guidance for Requesting Determination of Need (DoN) Approval for projects related to COVID-19 during the State of Emergency, issued on November 24, 2020.

The Children's Hospital Corporation (d/b/a/ Boston Children's Hospital) seeks to add an inpatient adolescent and pediatric psychiatric unit to its license at its Waltham campus, to respond to the needs of its patient population. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a greater need for adolescent and pediatric inpatient psychiatric services, due to quarantine orders, remote learning and destabilization of families.¹ Limited inpatient capacity has required BCH to board this vulnerable patient population in its emergency room and inpatient medical/surgical units while waiting placement in an appropriate unit.

For this project, 9,995 square feet of space on its Waltham campus will be renovated. The total renovation is expected to take eight months with a projected cost of \$10,000,000.

¹ Karen Dineen Wagner, MD, PhD, *New Findings About Children's Mental Health During COVID-19*, Psychiatric Times (October 7, 2020), <https://www.psychiatrictimes.com/view/new-findings-children-mental-health-covid-19>.

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,



Lara Szent-Gyorgyi
Director, Determination of Need

CC: Elizabeth Kelley, Director Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality, DPH
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