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Notice of Final Action: MGB-23120414-AM

Significant Amendment to DoN Project #MGB-20121612-HE

Dear Attorney Bloom,

At their meeting of April 17, 2024, the Commissioner and the Public Health Council, acting together as the Department, voted pursuant to 105 C.M.R. 100.635(A)(2) to approve the request by Mass General Brigham, Inc. for a Significant Change to a previously approved project located at Mass General Hospital 55 Fruit St in Boston. This approval incorporates the Memorandum to the Public Health Council (Memorandum) and the Public Health Council proceedings concerning this Request. The approval is for the addition of 94 inpatient beds to Mass General

Hospital’s license. The total cost of the project is $0.00, and the Maximum Capital Expenditure remains unchanged.

Based upon the information submitted, and information in the record,[[1]](#footnote-1) the Department found that the Significant Change is within the scope of the Notice of Determination of Need as previously approved by the Department and … is reasonable” 105 C.M.R. 100.635(A)(2), which are the requirements for approval of an Amendment. This Notice of Final Action incorporates by reference the Application, the Memorandum to the Commissioner, and the Public Health Council proceedings concerning this Amendment.

In compliance with the provisions of 105 CMR 100.310(A)(2) and (11), the Holder shall submit an acknowledgment of receipt to the Department (attached) and include a written attestation of participation or intent to participate in MassHealth.

Please notify the DoN Program at [DPH.DON@mass.gov](mailto:DPH.DON@mass.gov) of the anticipated completion date of all the components of the approved Amendment Project once it has been established.

Additionally, please send an email confirming the Project's completion (licensure/ amended licensure approval date) and the first day of operations to determine the annual DoN reporting timeline. Post DoN reporting for the original DoN (#MGB-20121612-HE) shall continue for five years after the completion of the Amendment Project with Amendment Conditions included in the reporting.

**Other Conditions to the DoN**

1. To better track the role of post-acute placement in discharge delays, the Holder shall provide number of patient days associated with these delays for the M/S population.
2. To track the effectiveness of the Holder’s efforts to direct admissions to community hospitals, the Holder shall report on the Secondary and Tertiary admissions in the annual Post DoN reporting for the original project #MGB-20121612-HE.

The Holder will include the additional 94 licensed beds in all Post DoN Reporting Conditions and Outcome Measures data for the original project #MGB-20121612-HE.

Ongoing compliance with the conditions and all terms of the DoN is, pursuant to the Regulation, a precondition to the filing of any future DoN by the Holder.

Sincerely,

*Dennis Renaud*

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Director, Determination of Need Program

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1. 2022 Staff Report and Notice of Final Action (Project # MGB-20121612-HE) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)