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Holder: Sudbury Pines Extended Care Facility

Original Emergency DoN: Project- 4-1523

Notice of Final Action: SPEC-23051912-AM

Dear Attorney Kretchmer,

This shall serve as notification that, based on the information provided by Sudbury Pines Extended Care Facility (“SPEC”) and staff analysis, and pursuant to 105 C.M.R. 100.635(A), I hereby approve the significant change request by SPEC, to increase the approved maximum capital expenditure (“MCE”) of the Emergency Determination of Need (“DoN”) following extensive flood damage, from $2,750,000 (April 2010 dollars) to $7,037,407.03 (March 2023 dollars) to account for unforeseen costs associated with replacing its DoN approved waste water treatment plant (“WWTP”).

Based upon a review of the materials submitted the Department found that this request falls within the definition of Significant Change that includes " … (2) Any increase or decrease in the maximum Capital Expenditure over 10% of the inflation adjusted originally approved total expenditure. An increase shall be allowed only for contingencies that could not have been reasonably foreseen, that are not reasonably within the control of the Holder, as determined by the Commissioner…”, and that the proposed change is both within the scope of the Notice of Determination of Need and is reasonable. This Notice of Final Action incorporates by reference the Application, and the Memorandum to the Commissioner.

Approval of this Amendment is subject to one Other Condition pursuant to 105 CMR 100.360.

1. From the date of approval of this Amendment, the Holder shall report to the DoN Program on the progress of WWTP, annually and until completion of the project.

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.

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.

Please notify the DoN Program at [DPH.DON@State.MA.US](mailto:DPH.DON@State.MA.US) of the anticipated completion date of all the components of the DoN-approved Project once it has been established. Additionally, 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.

Sincerely,

[signature on file]

Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD

Commissioner, MA Department of Public Health

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