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**Notice of final Action:** Amendment # FRNB-25011310-AM (Significant Change)  
Application # 5-4887

Dear Attorney Healy,

This shall serve as notification that, based on the information provided by the Applicant and staff analysis, and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111, § 25C and the regulatory provisions of 105 CMR 100.000 et seq, including 105 CMR 100.630 (A)(1), I hereby approve the request for a Significant Amendment to a Determination of Need (DoN) filed by the Holder, Shields Healthcare of Dartmouth, Inc. for approval to remove Shields Healthcare of Dartmouth, Inc. as the Holder of DoN #5-4487 for this MRI, and Acknowledge Southcoast Healthcare Group ("SHG") as the holder of the DoN.

The capital expenditure associated with the Proposed Change is \$2,600,000 and the Community Health Initiatives (CHI) contribution is \$130,000.

Based upon the information submitted, and information in the record, 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" under 105 C.M.R. 100.635(A), which are the requirements for approval of an Amendment. This Notice of Final Action incorporates by reference the Memorandum concerning this Application and is subject to the conditions set forth therein.

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@State.MA.US](mailto:DPH.DON@State.MA.US) of the anticipated completion date of all the components of the Amendment 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.

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.

### **Other Conditions to the DoN**

1. Of the total required CHI contribution of \$130,000.
  - a. \$12,480 will be directed to the CHI Statewide Initiative.
  - b. \$112,320 will be dedicated to local approaches to the DoN Health Priorities.
  - c. \$5,200 will be designated as the administrative fee.
2. To comply with the Holder's obligation to contribute to the CHI Statewide Initiative, the Holder must submit a check for \$12,480 to Health Resources in Action (the fiscal agent for the CHI Statewide Initiative) **within 30 days** from the date of the Notice of Approval.
  - a. Payments should be made out to:  
Health Resources in Action, Inc. (HRIA)  
2 Boylston Street, 4th Floor  
Boston, MA 02116  
Attn: MACHHAF c/o Bora Toro  
DoN project #: FRNB-25011310-AM
  - b. Please send a PDF image of the check or **confirmation of payment** to [DONCHI@Mass.gov](mailto:DONCHI@Mass.gov) and [dongrants@hria.org](mailto:dongrants@hria.org)



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