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Final Action: Notice of Determination of Need – Sturdy Health Foundation, Inc.
Substantial Capital Expenditure DoN # SH-24100710-HE

Dear Attorney Bloom,

At their meeting of April 9, 2025, the Commissioner and the Public Health Council, acting together as the Department, voted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111, §51 and the regulations adopted thereunder, to approve the Determination of Need (DoN) application for a Substantial Capital Expenditure filed by Sturdy Health Foundation, Inc, for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Department at Sturdy Memorial Hospital, located at 211 Park St. Attleboro, MA 02703.

This Notice of Final Action incorporates by reference the Staff Report and the Public Health Council proceedings concerning this application.

This application was reviewed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111, §25C and the regulatory provisions of 105 CMR 100.000 et seq. Based upon a review of the materials submitted, the Department found that the Applicant has met each DoN factor and approves this DoN application for a Substantial Capital Expenditure subject to all standard conditions (105 CMR 100.310) and pursuant to 105 CMR 100.360, subject to Other Conditions listed below. The capital expenditure for the Proposed Project is \$81,441,502.00 (December 2024 dollars); the Community Health Initiatives (CHI) contribution is \$4,072,075.10.

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.

In compliance with 105 CMR 100.310(A)(12), which requires a report to the Department, at a minimum on an annual basis, including the measures related to achievement of the DoN factors for a period of five years from completion of the Proposed Project, the Holder shall address its assertions with respect to all the factors.

Please notify the DoN Program at DPH.DON@mass.gov 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.

Other Conditions to the DoN

1. Of the total required CHI contribution of \$4,072,075.10
 - a. \$997,658.40 will be directed to the CHI Statewide Initiative.
 - b. \$2,992,975.20 will be dedicated to local approaches to the DoN Health Priorities.
 - c. \$81,441.50 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 \$997,658.40 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 #: SH-24100710-HE
 - b. Please send a PDF image of the check or **confirmation of payment** to DONCHI@Mass.gov and dongrants@hria.org
3. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the payment, please contact the CHI team at DONCHI@Mass.gov.

Sincerely,

Dennis Renaud

Dennis Renaud
Director Determination of Need Program

cc:

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