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BY EMAIL ONLY

Re: Review of Response Following Essential Services Finding
Facility: MetroWest Medical Center – Framingham Union Campus
Services: 21 Bed Pediatric Service
Ref. #: 2020-426

Dear Attorney Levine:

On October 23, 2020, the Department of Public Health (the "Department") received from you, on behalf of MetroWest Medical Center (the "Hospital"), a response to our October 8, 2020 letter indicating that the Hospital must file a plan with the Department detailing how access to services will be maintained following the discontinuation of Inpatient Pediatric Services (the "Service") at its Framingham Union Campus. Thank you for responding to our request in a timely and comprehensive manner.

Pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122(G) the Department has completed its review of the submitted access plan. As a result of this review, the Department has determined that the plan appropriately assures access following the discontinuation of Inpatient Pediatric Services at the Framingham Union Campus.

The Hospital may proceed with its plans to discontinue the Service. Please notify the Department of the actual discontinuance date when it occurs.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this process. If you have any questions, please contact me at Sherman.Lohnes@Mass.Gov or Walter Mackie at Walter.Mackie@Mass.Gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Lohnes', written in a cursive style.

Sherman Lohnes
Division Director

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