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BY EMAIL ONLY

Re: Review of Response Following Essential Services Finding

Facility: Shriners Hospitals for Children - Boston

Services: Reduction of 8 Burn Unit Beds,
Reduction of 13 Pediatric Service Beds

Ref. #: 2316-038

Dear Attorney Niewenhous:

On June 1, 2020, the Department of Public Health ("Department") received from you on behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston ("the Hospital") a notice of intent to reduce its 30 bed count (12 Burn Unit Service beds and 18 Pediatric Service beds) to 9 beds (4 Burn Unit Service beds and 5 Pediatric Service beds) at the Hospital. Pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122(D) the Department held a public hearing on July 30, 2020.

Following the hearing and considering the information presented and made available to it, the Department has determined that, pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122(E), the 8 Burn Unit Beds and 13 Pediatric Service Beds the Hospital intends to remove from its license are not necessary for preserving access and health status in the Hospital's service area. The Department bases this finding on evidence presented that the Hospital can continue to provide existing services with a reduced count of Burn Unit Beds and Pediatric Service Beds given projected utilization rates and the availability of these Services at nearby facilities.

The proposed date for the reduction of beds is on or about September 29, 2020. Please notify the Department when the reduction has gone into effect so the Hospital license can be updated. Thank you for your continued cooperation in this process. If you have any questions, please contact me at Sherman.Lohnes@State.MA.US.

Sincerely,

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

Sherman Lohnes
Division Director

cc: E. Kelley, DPH BHCSQ
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