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BY EMAIL ONLY

Re: Essential Services Finding

Facility: Beverly Hospital – Addison Gilbert Hospital Campus
Services: 4 Bed Intensive Care Unit
Ref. #: V93D-036

Dear Meghan Cosgrove:

On January 8, 2026, the Department of Public Health (the "Department") held a public hearing in response to the notification received from you on behalf of Beverly Hospital regarding their proposed plans to discontinue operation of the 4-bed Intensive Care Unit at its Addison Gilbert Hospital Campus (the "Hospital") in Gloucester, MA, effective March 13, 2026. As a result of its review, the Department has made a finding that the services provided by the Hospital are in fact necessary for preserving access and health status within the Hospital's service area.

Accordingly, pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122(F), the Hospital is required to prepare a plan that details how access to intensive care unit services will be maintained for the residents of the service area. The plan must be submitted to the Department no later than 15 calendar days of receipt of this letter. The Hospital's plan must include the elements specified in 105 CMR 130.122(F) as listed below:

- (1) Information on utilization of the services prior to proposed closure;

- (2) Information on the location and service capacity of alternative delivery sites. Include an explanation of the basis for the Hospital's determination that the alternative delivery sites **do** or **do not** have the capacity (necessary space, resources, etc.) to handle the increased patient volume at the identified sites. To support that assertion, please provide the following specific details:
 - (a) Current utilization at these alternative sites;
 - (b) Type of services available at the alternative sites;
 - (c) Type of medical diagnoses accepted; and
 - (d) Adequacy of space and resources at the alternative sites.
- (3) Travel times to alternative service delivery sites, for both peak and non-peak travel times, and an explanation as to the source for this information or what these estimates are based on;
- (4) An assessment of transportation needs post discontinuance and a plan for meeting those needs;
- (5) A protocol that details mechanisms to maintain continuity of care for current patients of the discontinued service; and
- (6) A protocol that describes how patients in the Hospital's service area will access the services at alternative delivery sites. The protocol should specifically address the following:
 - (a) The process that will be employed to effectively refer patients to other facilities or providers;
 - (b) The impact that this may have on the current occupancy rates at alternative delivery sites;
 - (c) The ability of the alternative delivery sites to meet the needs of these patients; and
 - (d) Other alternatives if medical needs cannot be accommodated at the proposed alternative sites.

In addition to the regulatory elements listed above, and in light of the Department's review of comments on the proposed closure, your plan must also address the following:

- (1) **Beverly Hospital ICU Staffing:** In the opening statement given on behalf of Beverly Hospital at the January 8th hearing, the ongoing staff recruitment challenges faced by the Addison Gilbert ICU were mentioned. The plan which you are required to submit must address steps Beverly Hospital will take to ensure adequate staffing of all the licensed beds in the ICU at Beverly Hospital's Beverly Campus.

Under the provisions of 105 CMR 130.122(G), the plan the Hospital submits to the Department will be reviewed to determine if it appropriately assures access to the essential service in question following the plans to discontinue operation of the 4-bed Intensive Care Unit at Addison Gilbert Hospital Campus.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this process. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Davis at Stephen.Davis@mass.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "S".

Steve Davis
Division Director

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