



# Massachusetts Department of Public Health

## Determination of Need

### Application Form

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Application Type:	Transfer of Ownership	Application Date:	03/25/2025 5:21 pm
Applicant Name:	Everest Hospital, LLC		
Mailing Address:	111 Huntoon Memorial Highway		
City:	Leicester	State:	Massachusetts
		Zip Code:	01542
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		Zip Code:	02210
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## Facility Information

List each facility affected and or included in Proposed Project

1 Facility Name:	Vibra Hospital of Western Massachusetts - Central Campus		
Facility Address:	111 Huntoon Memorial Highway		
City:	Leicester	State:	Massachusetts
		Zip Code:	01542
Facility type:	Hospital	CMS Number:	222046
<a href="#">Add additional Facility</a>		<a href="#">Delete this Facility</a>	

## 1. About the Applicant

1.1 Type of organization (of the Applicant):	for profit
1.2 Applicant's Business Type:	<input type="radio"/> Corporation <input type="radio"/> Limited Partnership <input type="radio"/> Partnership <input type="radio"/> Trust <input checked="" type="radio"/> LLC <input type="radio"/> Other
1.3 What is the acronym used by the Applicant's Organization?	
1.4 Is Applicant a registered provider organization as the term is used in the HPC/CHIA RPO program?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
1.5 Is Applicant or any affiliated entity an HPC-certified ACO?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
1.6 Is Applicant or any affiliate thereof subject to M.G.L. c. 6D, § 13 and 958 CMR 7.00 (filing of Notice of Material Change to the Health Policy Commission)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
1.7 Does the Proposed Project also require the filing of a MCN with the HPC?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
1.7.a If Yes, has Material Change Notice been filed?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

1.7.b If yes, provide the date of filing.

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1.8 Has the Applicant or any subsidiary thereof been notified pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12C, § 16 that it is exceeding the health care cost growth benchmark established under M.G.L. c. 6D, § 9 and is thus, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6D, §10 required to file a performance improvement plan with CHIA?

☐ Yes ☒ No

1.9 Complete the Affiliated Parties Form

## 2. Project Description

2.1 Provide a brief description of the scope of the project.

See attached narrative.

2.2 and 2.3 Complete the Change in Service Form

## 3. Delegated Review

3.1 Do you assert that this Application is eligible for Delegated Review?

☐ Yes ☒ No

## 4. Conservation Project

4.1 Are you submitting this Application as a Conservation Project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

## 5. DoN-Required Services and DoN-Required Equipment

5.1 Is this an application filed pursuant to 105 CMR 100.725: DoN-Required Equipment and DoN-Required Service?

☐ Yes ☒ No

## 6. Transfer of Ownership

6.1 Is this an application filed pursuant to 105 CMR 100.735?

☒ Yes ☐ No

6.2 If Yes, Is Applicant's Proposed Project subject to 958 CMR 7.00 (Notices of Material Changes and Cost and Market Impact Reviews)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

6.3 Does the Proposed Project constitute the transfer of the Health Care Facility's license in its entirety to a single transferee?

☒ Yes ☐ No

6.4 Which of the following most closely characterizes the Proposed Project;

- ☐ A transfer of a majority interest in the ownership of a Hospital or Clinic;
- ☐ A transfer of a majority of any class of the stock of a privately-held for-profit corporation;
- ☐ A transfer of a majority of the partnership interest of a partnership;
- ☐ A change of the trustee or a majority of trustees of a partnership;
- ☐ Changes in the corporate membership and/or trustees of a non-profit corporation constituting a shift in control of the Hospital or Clinic;
- ☐ Foreclosure proceedings have been instituted by a mortgagee in possession of a Hospital or Clinic;
- ☒ A change in the ownership interest or structure of a Hospital or Clinic, or of the Hospital or Clinic's organization or parent organization(s), such that the change results in a shift in control of the operation of the Hospital or Clinic.

6.5 Explain why you believe this most closely characterizes the Proposed Project.

See attached narrative.

6.6 In context of responding to each of the Required Factors 1, 3, and 4, consider how the proposed transaction will affect the manner in which Applicant serves its existing Patient Panel in the context of value (that is cost and quality), and describe the impact to the Patient Panel in the context of Access, Value (price, cost, outcomes), and Health Disparities.

See attached narrative.

7. Ambulatory Surgery

7.1 Is this an application filed pursuant to 105 CMR 100.740(A) for Ambulatory Surgery? ☐ Yes ☒ No

8. Transfer of Site

8.1 Is this an application filed pursuant to 105 CMR 100.745? ☐ Yes ☒ No

9. Research Exemption

9.1 Is this an application for a Research Exemption? ☐ Yes ☒ No

10. Amendment

10.1 Is this an application for a Amendment? ☐ Yes ☒ No

11. Emergency Application

11.1 Is this an application filed pursuant to 105 CMR 100.740(B)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12. Total Value and Filing Fee

Enter all currency in numbers only. No dollar signs or commas. Grayed fields will auto calculate depending upon answers above.

Your project application is for: Transfer of Ownership

12.1 Total Value of this project:	<input type="text" value="\$9,344,945.00"/>
12.2 Total CHI commitment expressed in dollars: (calculated)	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
12.3 Transfer of ownership Filing Fee: (calculated)	<input type="text" value="\$18,689.89"/>
12.4 Maximum Incremental Operating Expense resulting from the Proposed Project:	<input type="text"/>
12.5 Total proposed Construction costs, specifically related to the Proposed Project, If any, which will be contracted out to local or minority, women, or veteran-owned businesses expressed in estimated total dollars.	<input type="text"/>

### 13. Factors

Required Information and supporting documentation consistent with 105 CMR 100.210

Some Factors will not appear depending upon the type of license you are applying for.

Text fields will expand to fit your response.

#### Factor 1: Applicant Patient Panel Need, Public Health Values and Operational Objectives

**F1.a.i Patient Panel:**

Describe your existing Patient Panel, including incidence or prevalence of disease or behavioral risk factors, acuity mix, noted health disparities, geographic breakdown expressed in zip codes or other appropriate measure, demographics including age, gender and sexual identity, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status and other priority populations relevant to the Applicant's existing patient panel and payer mix.

See attached narrative

**F1.a.ii Need by Patient Panel:**

Provide supporting data to demonstrate the need for the Proposed Project. Such data should demonstrate the disease burden, behavioral risk factors, acuity mix, health disparities, or other objective Patient Panel measures as noted in your response to Question F1.a.i that demonstrates the need that the Proposed Project is attempting to address. If an inequity or disparity is not identified as relating to the Proposed Project, provide information justifying the need. In your description of Need, consider the principles underlying Public Health Value (see instructions) and ensure that Need is addressed in that context as well.

See attached narrative

**F1.a.iii Competition:**

Provide evidence that the Proposed Project will compete on the basis of price, total medical expenses, provider costs, and other recognized measures of health care spending. When responding to this question, please consider Factor 4, Financial Feasibility and Reasonableness of Costs.

See attached narrative

**F1.b.i Public Health Value /Evidence-Based:**

Provide information on the evidence-base for the Proposed Project. That is, how does the Proposed Project address the Need that Applicant has identified.

See attached narrative

**F1.b.ii Public Health Value /Outcome-Oriented:**

Describe the impact of the Proposed Project and how the Applicant will assess such impact. Provide projections demonstrating how the Proposed Project will improve health outcomes, quality of life, or health equity. Only measures that can be tracked and reported over time should be utilized.

See attached narrative

**F1.b.iii Public Health Value /Health Equity-Focused:**

For Proposed Projects addressing health inequities identified within the Applicant's description of the Proposed Project's need-base, please justify how the Proposed Project will reduce the health inequity, including the operational components (e.g. culturally competent staffing). For Proposed Projects not specifically addressing a health disparity or inequity, please provide information about specific actions the Applicant is and will take to ensure equal access to the health benefits created by the Proposed Project and how these actions will promote health equity.

See attached narrative

**F1.b.iv** Provide additional information to demonstrate that the Proposed Project will result in improved health outcomes and quality of life of the Applicant's existing Patient Panel, while providing reasonable assurances of health equity.

See attached narrative

F1.c Provide evidence that the Proposed Project will operate efficiently and effectively by furthering and improving continuity and coordination of care for the Applicant's Patient Panel, including, how the Proposed Project will create or ensure appropriate linkages to patients' primary care services.

See attached narrative

F1.d Provide evidence of consultation, both prior to and after the Filing Date, with all Government Agencies with relevant licensure, certification, or other regulatory oversight of the Applicant or the Proposed Project.

See attached narrative

F1.e.i Process for Determining Need/Evidence of Community Engagement: For assistance in responding to this portion of the Application, Applicant is encouraged to review *Community Engagement Standards for Community Health Planning Guideline*. With respect to the existing Patient Panel, please describe the process through which Applicant determined the need for the Proposed Project.

See attached narrative

F1.e.ii Please provide evidence of sound Community Engagement and consultation throughout the development of the Proposed Project. A successful Applicant will, at a minimum, describe the process whereby the "Public Health Value" of the Proposed Project was considered, and will describe the Community Engagement process as it occurred and is occurring currently in, at least, the following contexts: Identification of Patient Panel Need; Design/selection of DoN Project in response to "Patient Panel" need; and Linking the Proposed Project to "Public Health Value".

See attached narrative

Factor 3: Compliance

Applicant certifies, by virtue of submitting this Application that it is in compliance and good standing with federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to M.G.L. c. 30, §§ 61 through 62H and the applicable regulations thereunder, and in compliance with all previously issued notices of Determination of Need and the terms and conditions attached therein .

F3.a Please list all previously issued Notices of Determination of Need

Add/Del Rows	Project Number	Date Approved	Type of Notification	Facility Name
<div><div>+</div><div>-</div></div>	N/A			

**Factor 4: Financial Feasibility and Reasonableness of Expenditures and Costs**

Applicant has provided (as an attachment) a certification, by an independent certified public accountant (CPA) as to the availability of sufficient funds for capital and ongoing operating costs necessary to support the Proposed Project without negative impacts or consequences to the Applicant's existing Patient Panel.

F4.a.i **Capital Costs Chart:**  
For each Functional Area document the square footage and costs for New Construction and/or Renovations.

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F4.a.ii For each Category of Expenditure document New Construction and/or Renovation Costs.

	Category of Expenditure	New Construction	Renovation	Total (calculated)
	<b>Land Costs</b>			
	Land Acquisition Cost			
	Site Survey and Soil Investigation			
	Other Non-Depreciable Land Development			
	Total Land Costs			
	<b>Construction Contract (including bonding cost)</b>			
	Depreciable Land Development Cost			
	Building Acquisition Cost			
	Construction Contract (including bonding cost)			
	Fixed Equipment Not in Contract			
	Architectural Cost (Including fee, Printing, supervision etc.) and Engineering Cost			
	Pre-filing Planning and Development Costs			
	Post-filing Planning and Development Costs			
Add/Del Rows	Other (specify)			
<input type="button" value="+"/> <input type="button" value="-"/>				
	Net Interest Expensed During Construction			
	Major Movable Equipment			
	Total Construction Costs			
	<b>Financing Costs:</b>			
	Cost of Securing Financing (legal, administrative, feasibility studies, mortgage insurance, printing, etc			
	Bond Discount			
Add/Del Rows	Other (specify)			
<input type="button" value="+"/> <input type="button" value="-"/>				
	Total Financing Costs			
	<b>Estimated Total Capital Expenditure</b>			

## Documentation Check List

The Check List below will assist you in keeping track of additional documentation needed for your application. Once you have completed this Application Form the additional documents needed for your application will be on this list. E-mail the documents as an attachment to: [DPH.DON@state.ma.us](mailto:DPH.DON@state.ma.us)

- ☒ Copy of Notice of Intent
- ☒ Affidavit of Truthfulness Form
- ☒ Scanned copy of Application Fee Check
- ☒ Affiliated Parties Table Question 1.9
- ☒ Change in Service Tables Questions 2.2 and 2.3
- ☒ Certification from an independent Certified Public Accountant

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Keep a copy for your records. Click on the "Save" button at the bottom of the page.

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☐ Community Engagement-Self Assessment form