

DoN - Mass General Brigham Inc. – Multisite - 21012113-AS Application – Independent Cost-Analysis Comment

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Re: DoN - Mass General Brigham Inc. – Multisite - 21012113-AS Application – Independent Cost-Analysis Comment

Director Szent-Gyorgyi:

On behalf of the Ten Taxpayer Group-In Support of MGB-Woburn, I write to comment on the Determination of Need Application filed by Mass General Brigham Incorporated (“MGB”) that proposes the construction of three ambulatory care centers, including one in Woburn (the “Woburn Ambulatory Care Center”), and the Independent Cost Analysis (“ICA”) obtained by the Department of Public Health related to this project. The ICA concluded that the proposed project is consistent with The Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ health care cost containment goals.

The ICA also concluded that the proposed project will likely result in modest savings for the over 100,000 existing MGB patients who live in Woburn and the surrounding communities. Currently, these patients may travel significant distances at great inconvenience and expense to get high quality care at an MGB hospital or other MGB location, which the Woburn Ambulatory Care Center will make available closer to home at a lower cost. Moreover, the ICA concluded that the proposed project will not increase MGB’s bargaining power with commercial health insurance companies nor will it significantly impact the market share of other area provides.

In conclusion, we reiterate our continued support for the proposed project and urge the Department of Public Health to approve this project.

Sincerely,

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