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Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality  
Determination of Need Program  
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via email

December 17, 2020

Ms. Ava Collins  
Chief Executive Officer  
Metrowest Medical Center  
115 Lincoln St  
Framingham, MA 01702

Re: VHS Acquisition Subsidiary Number 9, Inc. d/b/a MetroWest Medical Center -  
Application to Add Psychiatric Beds at Leonard Morse Campus Pursuant to Order of the  
Commissioner of Public Health Regarding Determination of Need Approvals Related to  
COVID-19

Dear Ms. Collins:

The Department received the notification above from Metrowest Medical Center, on December 11, 2020 to add 17 inpatient psychiatric beds, including 14 adult psychiatric beds and 3 pediatric psychiatric beds, by MetroWest Medical Center ("MWMC") at its Leonard Morse Campus ("LMC"), located at 67 Union Street, Natick, MA 01760.

The increased inpatient psychiatric bed capacity will be used to address a need for inpatient psychiatric services that has become more critical as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic as demonstrated by increased demand for these services.

After review, DPH has determined the need for the Proposed Project relates to the State of Emergency. As a result, you may commence the Proposed Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lara Szent-Gyorgyi".

Lara Szent-Gyorgyi

## Director, Determination of Need

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