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Deferral Action: Notice of Determination of Need – Everest Hospital, LLC  
Substantial Capital Expenditure DoN # 23101112-TO

Dear Attorney Kretchmer,

At their meeting of August 13, 2025, the Commissioner and the Public Health Council, acting together as the Department, voted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111, §51 and the regulations adopted thereunder, to defer the Determination of Need (DoN) application filed by Everest Hospital, LLC, for the Transfer of Ownership of Vibra Hospital of Western Massachusetts – Central Campus, located at 111 Huntoon Memorial Highway, Leicester (Rochdale), Massachusetts 01542, pending receipt of additional information as discussed during the meeting.

The additional information requested by the Public Health Council will be summarized in an addendum to the Staff Report and brought before the PHC for final determination on the Application at a future meeting.

Sincerely,

*Dennis Renaud*

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Director Determination of Need Program

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