

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING A PROPOSED HEALTHCARE
PROJECT**

Heywood Healthcare System ("Heywood Healthcare" or the "Applicant"), with a principal place of business at 242 Green Street, Gardner, Massachusetts, intends to file a Notice of Determination of Need with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for a project at Henry Heywood Memorial Hospital (HHMH), a general acute care hospital located at 242 Green Street, in Gardner, Massachusetts. Heywood Healthcare is proposing to build an addition to the HHMH for the purpose of upgrading and expanding its surgical services facility. The project will include an addition of 40,115 gross square feet, and will include 6 operating rooms (each nearly 200 s.f. larger than the Hospital's 4 existing operating rooms), 21 prep/recovery bays, and shell space on the second floor for future use. The project will improve services for area community residents by providing state-of-the-art surgical suites, improved capacity and continued local access for surgical procedures. Heywood Healthcare will be submitting its application for Determination of Need for this project to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health on or about July 2, 2021. The projected total cost of the project is \$34,583,750. It is not anticipated that this project will have any impact on the pricing of Heywood Healthcare's patient panel or any service impact other than as stated herein.

Any ten Taxpayers of Massachusetts may register in connection with the intended Application by no later than August 1, 2021 or 30 days from the Filing Date, whichever is later, by contacting the Department of Public Health Determination of Need Program at

***Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Public Health
Determination of Need Program
250 Washington Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 0210***