



August 31, 2022

## VIA E-MAIL AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Walter Mackie, J.D.
Licensure Unit Coordinator
Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification
67 Forest Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

Re: Notice of Intent to Close: Attleboro Healthcare

Dear Mr. Mackie:

Please accept this Notice of Intent to Close Attleboro Healthcare ("Attleboro" or the "Facility") located at 27 George Street, Attleboro, Massachusetts 02703, effective on or about December 29, 2022 following completion of the regulatory process for voluntary closure of a long-term care facility required by the Department of Public Health. Attached please find our Proposed Closure and Relocation Plan (the "Closure Plan").

On September 1, 2017, 27 George Street Operator LLC (d/b/a Attleboro Healthcare), a wholly-owned affiliate of Next Step Healthcare LLC ("Next Step") began leasing Attleboro and operating the Facility. Recently, after discussions with the Facility's landlord regarding the Facility's low occupancy and difficult labor market driven by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting poor financial performance, the decision was made to close the Facility. The Facility's representatives whom residents, family members, staff or other interested parties may contact with questions they may have regarding the proposed closure are:

Andrew Almeida, Vice President of Operations - Next Step Healthcare, (508)-226-1650 or by e-mail at info@nextstephc.com

We will work with the Department of Public Health to schedule a public hearing on the proposed closure of the Facility at least 90 days prior to the proposed closure date of December 29, 2022. A copy of the public hearing notice will be posted at the Facility and will be made available by the Facility's Administrator upon request. At least 14 days prior to the public hearing, Attleboro will provide a written notice regarding the date, time, and place of the hearing to each person who is receiving this Notice of Intent to Close. Interested parties may file comments on the proposed closure and the Closure Plan with the Department of Public Health up until the date of the public hearing.

We will be working with residents and their families, with our employees and with the state agencies, including the Department of Public Health, throughout this process to assure the orderly transition of care for our residents.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

William H. Stephan

Chief Financial Officer, Attleboro Healthcare

William W. Styston

## Notice List For the Notice of Intent to Close and Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Attleboro Healthcare

Notice Party Notice method	Address
Resident / legal representative By First Class Mail and	In person at the facility - 27 George Street, Attleboro, MA
By Hand to residents	Resident's permanent residence address on file Address on file for legal representatives
Designated Family Member By First Class Mail	Address on file for designated family members
Resident Council By Hand	27 George Street, Attleboro, MA 02703
Employee / Staff Member By First Class Mail and Distributed at the Facility	Address on file for employee And distributed at the Facility
Each Labor Organization	1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East Massachusetts 108 Myrtle Street #4 Quincy, MA 02171
State Ombudsman By First Class Mail	Mass. Executive Office of Public Health Ombudsman Office One Ashburton Place, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02108
Local Ombudsman By First Class Mail	Bristol Elder Services Attn: John Ropiak, Ombudsman 1 Father DeValles Boulevard Unit 8 Fall River, MA 02723
Members of the General Court who represent the Village of Chestnut Hill By First Class Mail	Senator Paul R. Feeney (Room 112) Representative James K. Hawkins (Room 472) 24 Beacon Street Boston MA 02133
Representative of the Local Officials, Village of Chestnut Hill By First Class Mail	Mayor Paul Heroux City of Attleboro 77 Park Street Attleboro, MA 02703