

September 1, 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: Gloucester Healthcare

Dear Mr. Mackie:

Please accept this Notice of Intent to Close Gloucester Healthcare (“Gloucester” or the “Facility”) located at 272 Washington Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930, effective on or about December 30, 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, 272 Washington Street Operator LLC (d/b/a Gloucester Healthcare), a wholly-owned affiliate of Next Step Healthcare LLC (“Next Step”) began leasing Gloucester 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:

Damian N. Dell’Anno, Chief Executive Officer - Next Step Healthcare,  
(781)-404-3900 or by e-mail at [info@nextstephc.com](mailto:info@nextstephc.com)

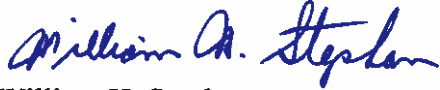
We will work with the Department of Public Health to schedule a public hearing on the proposed closure of the Facility at least 90 days prior to the proposed closure date of December 30, 2022. A copy of the public hearing notice will be posted at the Facility and will be made available by the Facility’s Administrator upon request. At least 14 days prior to the public hearing, Gloucester 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William H. Stephan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W".

William H. Stephan  
Chief Financial Officer, Gloucester Healthcare

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

<b>Notice Party</b> <i>Notice method</i>	Address
<b>Resident / legal representative</b> <i>By First Class Mail and By Hand to residents</i>	In person at the facility – 272 Washington Street, Gloucester, MA 01930 Resident’s permanent residence address on file Address on file for legal representatives
<b>Designated Family Member</b> <i>By First Class Mail</i>	Address on file for designated family members
<b>Resident Council</b> <i>By Hand</i>	272 Washington Street, Gloucester, MA 01930
<b>Employee / Staff Member</b> <i>By First Class Mail and Distributed at the Facility</i>	Address on file for employee And distributed at the Facility
<b>Each Labor Organization</b>	UFCW LOCAL 1445 Attn: Andy Lemus, Business Agent 30 Stergis Way Dedham, MA 02026
<b>State Ombudsman</b> <i>By First Class Mail</i>	Mass. Executive Office of Public Health Ombudsman Office One Ashburton Place, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02108
<b>Local Ombudsman</b> <i>By First Class Mail</i>	SeniorCare Attn: Susan Anderson, Ombudsman 49 Blackburn Center Gloucester, MA 01930
<b>Members of the General Court who represent the Village of Chestnut Hill</b> <i>By First Class Mail</i>	Senator Bruce E. Tarr (Room 308) Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante (Room 238) 24 Beacon Street Boston MA 02133
<b>Representative of the Local Officials, Village of Chestnut Hill</b> <i>By First Class Mail</i>	Mayor Greg Verga City of Gloucester 9 Dale Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930