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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: Dedham Healthcare Dear Mr. Mackie:

Please accept this Notice of Intent to Close Dedham Healthcare ("Dedham" or the "Facility") located at 1007 East Street, Dedham, Massachusetts 02026, 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 l, 2017, 1007 East Street Operator LLC (d/b/a Dedham Healthcare), a wholly-owned affiliate of Next Step Healthcare LLC ("Next Step") began leasing Dedham and operating the Facility. Recently, after discussions with the Facility's landlord regarding the Facility's 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, (781)-329-1520 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 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, Dedham will provide a written notice regarding the date, time, and place of the hearing to each person who is receiving this Notice oflntent 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.



61007 East Street

Dedham, MA 02026

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, Dedham Healthcare

Notice List

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

# Notice Party

*Notice method*

# Resident / legal representative

*By First Closs Mail and*

*By Hand to residents*

# Designated Famlly Member

*By First Class Mail*

# Resident Council

*By Hand*

**Employee/ Staff Member** *By First Class Mail and Distributed at the Facility*

Address

In person at the facility• 1007 East Street, Dedham, MA 02026

Resident's permanent residence address on file Address on file for legal representatives Address on file for designated family members

1007 East Street, Dedham, MA 02026 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*

# Local Ombudsman

*By First Class Mail*

# Members of the General Court who represent the Village of Chestnut Hill

*By First Class Mall* **Representative of the Local** Officials, **Village of** Chestnut **Hill**

*By First Class Mail*

Mass. Executive Office of Public Health Ombudsman Office

One Ashburton Place, 5th Floor

Boston, MA 02108 Springwell Elder Services

Attn: Julie Arias, Ombudsman 307 Waverley Oaks Road Suite 205

Waltham, MA 02452

Senator Michael Rush (Room 208} Representative Paul McMurtry (Room 171} 24 Beacon Street

Boston MA 02133

Town Manager Leon Goodwin Town of Dedham

450 Washington Street

Dedham, MA 02026