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June 4, 2019

VIA EMAIL:

Ms. Laura Burke  
Regis College

RE: Regis College – Notice of Transfer of Site/Change in Designated Location  
Application of Regis College Dental Center

Dear Ms. Burke:

We are in receipt of the above-referenced Notice and its accompanying letter, dated April 4, 2019, in which Regis provided written notice to the Department of Public Health (the Department) in accordance with 105 CMR 100.745 (the Regulation) for a proposed transfer of site for the Regis College Dental Center.

Regis has complied with the requirements of Notice and has provided information sufficient to allow the Department to make a finding that the proposed transaction will neither result in a Substantial Capital Expenditure or Substantial Change in Service, and thus will not first require a Notice of Determination of Need (DoN).

**Application Summary**

**Background, Reason for Request and Other Required Elements of Notice:**

The Regis Dental Center trains undergraduate students in the dental hygiene program at Regis College, and provides low-cost dental hygiene treatment to the community. In 2018, the Dental Hygiene Program at Mount Ida College was transferred to Regis College. At that time, Regis leased the dental hygiene facility located in Newton, MA from the University of Massachusetts (the new owners of the Mount Ida campus). The lease will expire in 2020 and is not renewable; Regis College plans to move the Regis Dental Center to a new location in Waltham, MA (9 miles from the current site) in order to enable:

- a) easier access to students, faculty and staff at Regis, as it will be closer to campus
- b) the provision of dental hygiene services to the diverse patient population of Waltham, who can access the site via public transportation (as well as offering to continuing care for their Newton-based existing patients)

The proposed new facility will be located in a space that is being custom retrofitted, and will contain twenty dental chairs, a dental materials laboratory for training students, consultation space, staff and faculty areas, sterilization areas, student lounges, and a panoramic dental x-ray room. The current space had 11,000 sq. ft. and the proposed site will have 10,493 sq. ft.

The Dental Center will continue to provide the same dental hygiene services, including blood pressure screenings, oral cancer screenings, dental exams, radiographs, cleanings, and deep scalings.

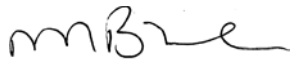
The Primary Service Area is changed to Waltham from Newton. The Center will continue to offer services to the current patient base in Newton, about 9 miles away; the new patient population will be from Waltham. Center hours are scheduled around classes 2 days a week during the time when school is in session and will remain unchanged. The Center will continue to provide care at greatly reduced fees compared to private practice due to it being a training facility for dental hygienists. Unlike the current site, the proposed site is near public transportation.

The total value of the proposed project is \$1,000,000. The maximum incremental Operating Expense resulting from the proposed project is \$125,000 and the total prolapsed construction costs is \$500,000.

**Findings:**

The Department finds that Regis has provided the Department with the information required in 105 CMR 100.745(D) listed above. Based upon review of the Notice and supporting materials, the Department finds that this transaction does not require a DoN either as a Substantial Capital Expenditure or Substantial Change in Service, pursuant to 105 CMR 100.730 and Regis may move forward with the proposed changes in designated location.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'mBharel'.

Monica Bharel, MD, MPH  
Commissioner

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