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Via Email – Read Receipt Requested and Signature Requested

May 22, 2023

Dennis Renaud, Director
Determination of Need Program
Department of Public Health
67 Forest Street
Marlborough, MA 01752

RE: SunBridge Healthcare, LLC d/b/a Merrimack Valley Center Determination of Need

Dear Director Renaud:

We write in regard to the SunBridge Healthcare, LLC d/b/a Merrimack Valley Center (“SunBridge”) – Determination of Need (“DoN”). Notice of Final Action was provided on this project on July 12, 2018. Since this time, SunBridge has sought to implement this DoN, however given the coronavirus pandemic; supply chain challenges; inflation; and other issues, implementation has not been feasible. Accordingly, we spoke with staff at the Department of Public Health (“Department”) on behalf of SunBridge to provide notice of these challenges and inquire about certain components of the project.

In March 2023, we spoke with Jennica Allen, Manager of Community Engagement Practices regarding the associated Community Health Initiative (“CHI”) component of the DoN. We were informed that if the approved project did not move forward then a CHI payment would not be required.

After much consideration and review of the ongoing challenges, as well as discussions with Department staff, SunBridge is not moving forward with implementation of its approved DoN. Since the DoN is not going to be implemented, no CHI payment will be due to the Commonwealth. We recognize that if this project or a new initiative is implemented in the future, a new DoN will be required.

We have developed a confirmation of receipt noting delivery of the letter, that SunBridge will not move forward with implementation, and acknowledging that no CHI payment will be due for this project. Can you please sign and submit this documentation to me for our files?

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Harrell, MPH, Esq.
Partner

cc: Jennica Allen
Lynn Conover

Enclosure

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Confirmation of Receipt

I, Dennis Renaud, Determination of Need Director have received correspondence stating that SunBridge Healthcare, LLC d/b/a Merrimack Valley Center ("SunBridge") will not implement its Notice of Determination of Need ("DoN") approved on July 12, 2018. Given that SunBridge will not implement the noted project, no Community Health Initiative payment will be due.

Furthermore, SunBridge understands that if this project is implemented in the future, a new Notice of DoN is required.

Name: DENNIS RENAUD

Signature: Dennis Renaud

Date: 5/23/23