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**VIA EMAIL**

Stephen Davis, Director  
Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification  
Department of Public Health  
67 Forest Street  
Marlborough, MA 01752

Re: VHS Acquisition Subsidiary Number 9, Inc. (d/b/a MetroWest Medical Center) – Closure of Level II NICU Service at Framingham Union Campus

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter is submitted on behalf of VHS Acquisition Subsidiary Number 9, Inc. (d/b/a MetroWest Medical Center), which operates a licensed hospital (License No. VL8S) with a campus located at 115 Lincoln Street, Framingham, MA 01702 (“Framingham Union”). Pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122, Framingham Union informed the Department of Public Health (“Department”), by letter dated February 10, 2025, that on or about March 12, 2025, Framingham Union intends to submit a formal 90-day notice of the proposed closure of the Level II NICU Service at Framingham Union. Per the Department’s request, we are writing to clarify that the term “Level II NICU Service” refers to Framingham Union’s Level IIB Special Care Nursery (12 Bassinets), and to further clarify that Framingham Union will continue to operate its Level 1A Well Infant Nursery (32 Bassinets).

Framingham Union will send a copy of this letter to Framingham Union’s patient and family council, each staff member of Framingham Union, and every labor organization that represents Framingham Union’s workforce during the period of the essential service closure process. We also will send a copy of this letter to the members of the General Court who represent the City of Framingham and the Town of Natick, as well as the City of Framingham’s Mayor and City Council Chair, and the Town of Natick’s Select Board Chair and Town Administrator.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Lianne Ankner, Esq., Ankner & Levy, PC at 617-247-3104 ([kla@anknerlevy.com](mailto:kla@anknerlevy.com)).

Sincerely,



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