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Via Electronic Mail

Michael J. Dacey, MD
President
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RE: *Memorial Hospital Inpatient Obstetrical Service*

Dear Dr. Dacey:

Please find attached notice of the initiation of review of the application of Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island to cease providing inpatient obstetrics services at MHRI and relocate those services to its licensed hospital affiliates, Women & Infants and Kent County Memorial Hospital.

I can be reached at 222-1626 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Dexter
Chief
Center for Health Systems Policy and Regulation

cc: Gerard Goulet, Esq., Care New England Health System

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Rhode Island Department of Health

Public Notice

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 23-17.14-18 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, an administrative review of the following application commences April 22, 2016 and will conclude within 90 days:

Plan of Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island to cease providing inpatient obstetrics services at MHRI and relocate those services to its licensed hospital affiliates, Women & Infants and Kent County Memorial Hospital. The application is available on-line at:
<http://health.ri.gov/systems/about/requests/>

The appropriate statutory and regulatory authority for this review are: Chapter 23-17.14-18 <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE23/23-17.14/23-17.14-18.HTM> and Section 10.0 of the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Hospital Conversions (R23-17.14-HCA) <http://sos.ri.gov/documents/archives/regdocs/released/pdf/DOH/4378.pdf>

All written comments should be received by e-mail by Paula.Pullano@health.ri.gov, or by mail at the Center for Health Systems Policy and Regulation, Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 410, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 by **May 6, 2016**, when practicable.

For any information regarding the review process, please call the Center for Health Systems Policy and Regulation at (401) 222-2788.

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