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Via Electronic Mail

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RE: *Memorial Hospital Inpatient Obstetrical Service*

Dear Mr. Keefe and Dr. Dacey:

Upon review of the materials submitted by Dr. Dacey to the Department on March 2, 2016 and March 14, 2016 and after conducting three informational meetings for the public during the week of March 14, 2016, the Department has determined the following:

- As required by the Department in its letter of March 7, 2016 to Dr. Dacey, all clinical services, including inpatient obstetrics, must continue at Memorial Hospital (MHRI) until such time as otherwise approved by the Department.
- In a communication dated February 29, 2016 to Care New England (CNE) employees, Mr. Keefe cited, among other significant changes in clinical care, plans for the relocation of MHRI medical/surgical/intensive care unit services to Kent Hospital. The Department requests that CNE provide a Comprehensive Plan of the entire scope of changes in clinical services planned throughout the CNE system, to avoid the piecemeal review of each request.

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- ✓ Such a Comprehensive Plan shall include, but not be limited to, a detailed description of all affected hospitals' changes in clinical services, including all applicable timelines.
 - ✓ Within this Comprehensive Plan, please also provide updated financial information for CNE corporate and each CNE hospital required to be disclosed pursuant to RIGL Section 23-17.14-12.1(g) for fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015. Furthermore, as part of this Comprehensive Plan, please include projected financial information for CNE corporate and each CNE hospital for fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

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- The “reverse certificate of need” plan related to the elimination of inpatient obstetrical services at MHRI has yet to be deemed complete and accepted for review. Please note that the Department will deem the obstetrics application as complete for processing when the Comprehensive Plan is submitted in a form acceptable to the Department and the Department has received complete responses to all questions that may be submitted.
- Department staff will work cooperatively with MHRI/CNE staff to identify the appropriate regulatory applications that must be filed contingent upon the proposed changes in clinical care that are contemplated for MHRI and CNE hospitals and as detailed in the Comprehensive Plan. The Department will process these applications as soon as they are received and deemed complete.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



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