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Dear Mr. Normand:

This is in response to the Request for Expeditious Review of the Hospital Conversion Application for the proposed affiliation of Care New England Health System and Southcoast Health System, Inc. that was submitted to the Rhode Island Department of Health ("Department") on June 23, 2016. This request was made pursuant to the provisions of RIGL 23-17.14-12.1(a) ("The Hospital Conversions Act").

The Department has reviewed this request, along with other information provided by the transacting parties, and has determined that this application does not qualify for an expeditious review. Please note that this application, if filed, shall be reviewed in accordance with the provisions of RIGL 23-17.14-6.

If you have any questions please contact Michael Dexter at (401) 222-1626.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicole Alexander-Scott", is written over a circular blue stamp that partially overlaps the signature.

Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH
Director of Health

Cc: Jessica Doyle, Esq. Rhode Island Department of Attorney General