STATE OF VERMONT
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD

In re: Application of Visiting Nurse and) GMCB-019-15con
     Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire,)
     Inc. for Purchase of Office Condominium)
     to House Administrative Offices)
     _____)

AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED

On February 22, 2016, the Green Mountain Care Board issued a certificate of need (CON) and Statement of Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. On March 22, 2016, the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) requested a determination that proposed changes to the project constitute a nonmaterial change as defined in 18 V.S.A. §9432(12).

The CON authorized the VNH to purchase realty in White River Junction for use as its administrative offices. Based on recommendations from its contractor, the VNH seeks to reconfigure its design, enlarging the project square footage by 585 gross sq. ft. (533 usable sq. ft.) and increasing the project costs from $2,584,000 to $2,701,080. Because its mortgage interest rate will decrease, however, the VNH's annual mortgage costs will remain substantially the same.

A nonmaterial change, as defined in Section 9432(12) of Title 18, cannot increase project costs by more than 10 percent, and cannot constitute a new health care project. We conclude that the VNH has met both criteria.

The Board therefore issues this Amendment to the Certificate of Need subject to the terms, conditions and requirements outlined in the February 22, 2016 CON, incorporated herein, and based on the findings of facts—excepting those in conflict with the changes in square footage and cost, discussed above—and the conclusions of law outlined in the Statement of Decision and Order issued that same date.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 30, 2016 at Montpelier, Vermont.

s/   Alfred Gobeille   ) GREEN MOUNTAIN
) CARE BOARD
s/   Cornelius Hogan   ) OF VERMONT
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s/   Jessica Holmes   )
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s/   Betty Rambur   )
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s/   Allan Ramsay   )

Filed: March 30, 2016

Attest: s/ Janet Richard
        Green Mountain Care Board
        Administrative Services Coordinator