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March 5, 2015

Mr. Charles B. Cliett
Mitchell, Williams
425 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 1800
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

RE: Docket No. GMCB-002-15con, United Health Care of New England, Expansion of Service Area to Offer Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plans in Bennington and Rutland Counties

Dear Mr. Cliett:

Thank you for your letter dated March 3, 2015 informing the Board of your plan to expand offering Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Part D prescription drug plans by United Health Care of New England's (UHC NE) to Bennington and Rutland counties.

As represented in the letter, UHC NE's intent to expand offering Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Part D plans to Bennington and Rutland counties using a staff model does not change the factors addressed in your March 3, 2014 letter which remains true in regard to the expanded business.

As represented, the expansion is not subject to Certificate of Need review. However, if there are changes in the type or scope of your proposal as you proceed with implementation, you must notify the Green Mountain Care Board immediately so we may determine whether the changes require further review.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 802-828-2918.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry
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Health Policy Analyst