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Mr. Jarrett Stern, MHA System Vice-President Littleton Regional Healthcare Littleton, NH

RE: Docket No. GMCB-021-18con, Purchase of Northern Physical Therapy in Lyndonville

Dear Mr. Stern:

Thank you for your letter received on August 13, 2018 and response to Board questions dated August 17, 2018 regarding your intent to purchase the assets and operations of Northern Physical Therapy, P.C. (NPT) in Lyndonville, Vermont.

According to your letters, NPT is an outpatient physical therapy practice located at 569 Main Street in Lyndonville. The practice is an existing facility that does not offer any mobile or fixed imaging; accordingly, there is no medical equipment included in the sale for such purpose. The premises to be conveyed include an indoor therapy pool, exam tables and gym equipment, all of which are consistent with the normal premises and operations of a physical therapy practice.

Based on the representations in your letters, the facility is not subject to certificate of need (CON) review under 18 V.S.A. § 9435(a), which excludes

offices of physicians, dentists, or other practitioners of the healing arts, meaning the physical places that are occupied by such providers on a regular basis in which such providers perform the range of diagnostic and treatment services usually performed by such providers on an inpatient basis.

If in the future you intend to expand the services offered at the facility or to purchase a single piece of therapeutic or diagnostic equipment of significant value, please contact the Board so we may determine whether such services are subject to CON review.

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

Sincerely,

<u>s/ Donna Jerry</u>Donna JerrySenior Health Policy AnalystGreen Mountain Care Board

