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Mr. David Stiger  
Director of Project Management  
Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital  
One Medical Center Drive  
Lebanon, NH 03756

**RE: Docket No. GMCB-010-19con, Renovation of Pharmacy at Norris Cotton Cancer Center-North in St. Johnsbury. Project cost: \$2,250,00.**

Dear Mr. Stiger:

Thank you for your April 26, 2019 letter asking the Board for a jurisdictional determination regarding Dartmouth Hitchcock's plan to renovate the existing on-site pharmacy located at Norris Cotton Cancer Center-North in St. Johnsbury.

Dartmouth Hitchcock operates the Norris Cotton Cancer Center-North in St. Johnsbury. The services provided are Hospital-Based Ambulatory Services. According to your letter, due to recent changes to the U.S. Pharmacopeia Convention (USP) standards for sterile and hazardous drug compounding pharmacies, Dartmouth Hitchcock must renovate the pharmacy located within the Norris Cotton Cancer Center-North to comply with the new requirements by December 1, 2019. The cost of the proposed renovation work is estimated to be \$2,250,000. In addition, annual operating expenses are expected to increase by less than \$10,000/year due to an increase in energy use related to the new requirements and by an additional 28,000/year due to the need for an additional 0.4 FTEs to accommodate the increased procedure and documentation requirements called for in the regulations.

Because the project described in your letter does not trigger capital or annual operating expense thresholds under 18 V.S.A. § 9434 (b)(1) nor (b)(3), the project is not subject to certificate of need review. However, as you proceed with this project, if there are changes in the type, scope or cost, please notify the Board immediately so we may determine whether the changes are subject to further review.

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

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry  
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cc. Michael Barber, General Counsel  
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