

**STATE OF VERMONT
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD**

In re: University of Vermont Medical Center)
 Inpatient Bed Replacement Project)
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ADDENDUM TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED

In accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 9444(b) and Rule 4.000, section 4.600(4), the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB or Board) issues this addendum to the certificate of need (CON) for the Miller Building Project dated July 1, 2015, as amended on October 29, 2015.

Description of Changes to Project

The University of Vermont Medical Center (Applicant) proposes to reopen 32 medicine beds in McClure 5 in connection with the Miller Building Project. This non-material change to the project will allow the Applicant to vacate space in Shepardson 3 North, as contemplated in the CON. The total capital cost of the non-material change is projected to be \$2,698,652.

The Applicant expects its use of McClure 5 as a medicine unit will be time-limited. The Applicant plans to seek internal and Board approvals to pursue an expansion of its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit within the next two years. Once that expansion project is underway, it will begin a domino effect in the hospital's space usage that will require the hospital to use McClure 5 for purposes other than general medicine beds.

Reopening 32 medicine beds in McClure 5 is expected to result in 78% of the Applicant's patient rooms being private (a change from 85% specified in the CON) and will increase the number of physical beds the Applicant has to 516 (20 more than the 496 specified in the CON).

The changes to the project are outlined in greater detail in the Statement of Decision in this docket, issued today by the Board.

Amendments to Conditions

1. Condition B.1 of the CON is amended by deleting the following sentence:

This shall include, but not be limited to, compliance with the proposed conversion of rooms from semi-private to private to attain a minimum of 85% single occupancy inpatient beds at the end of the construction period.

2. Condition B.2 of the CON is amended as follows:

The Project as described in the application shall be fully implemented within ~~six (6)~~ eight (8) years of the date of this certificate of need, or the certificate of need shall become invalid and deemed revoked.

3. Condition B.6 of the CON is amended by adding the following subsections:
 - d. A spreadsheet showing occupancy rates of the Shepardson 3 North and/or McClure 5 beds and the percentage of time the hospital has been in Surge 2 or Surge 3 status (cumulative and since the last implementation report).
 - e. A timeline for when McClure 5 beds will be open and fully operational.
4. A new condition is added after Condition B.6 to read:
 7. The Applicant shall report to the Board no later than March 20, 2022 on its plans to cease using the 32 new medicine beds in McClure 5 and its plans to apply for a certificate of need in relation to its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.
5. Conditions B.7 – B.9 are renumbered to B.8 – B.10, respectively.

With the exception the amendments described above, the Requirements and Conditions set forth in the Certificate of Need and Statement of Decision and Order in this matter are unchanged.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 20, 2020 at Montpelier, Vermont.

s/ Kevin Mullin, Chair)	GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD OF VERMONT
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s/ Jessica Holmes)	
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s/ Robin Lunge)	
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s/ Tom Pelham)	
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s/ Maureen Usifer)	

Filed: March 20, 2020
Attest: /s/ Jean Stetter, Administrative Services Director