

August 24, 2018

Ms. Donna Jerry
Health Policy Analyst
State of Vermont
Green Mountain Care Board
144 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

RE: AHU 3 Replacement CoN Jurisdiction Determination

Dear Donna:

RRMC is proposing to replace our Air Handler Unit 3 (AHU 3) that services the ICU, Outpatient Rehab and the PSIU Offices. The Air Handling Unit is approximately 27 years old and is beginning to structurally fail. During periods of heavy rains and snow, water and snow melt is leaking into the floor of the air handler and presenting itself in the ceilings below. The ASHARE and the AHA life expectancy on the unit is 15 years, so the unit has far exceeded its useful life. In the past 12 months we have had to service the unit 18 times to try and correct issues.

This proposed project is in no way related to the AHU 1 & 2 Replacement Project Docket No. GMCB-023-IScon (Replacement of Air Handling Units 1 and 2) that is nearing completion. This is a separate air handling unit serving different spaces than the AHU 1 & 2 Project.

I am writing to ask for a determination of jurisdiction under the CoN Statute and regulations for this project

AHU 3 is nonmedical equipment and is a part of RRMC's normal infrastructure as defined under:

§9435. EXCLUSIONS

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(D Excluded from this subchapter are routine replacements of nonmedical equipment and fixtures, including furnaces, boilers, refrigeration units, kitchen equipment, heating and cooling units, and similar items. These replacements purchased by a hospital shall be included in the hospital's budget and may be reviewed in the budget process set forth in subchapter 7 of this chapter

this project would appear to be excluded from CoN jurisdiction.

The anticipated cost of the project is \$2,724,441, and as required has been included in the hospital's budget, with \$25,000 included in our 2018 budget for Planning and the remainder \$2,699,441 is in our 2019 budget.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to ask questions.

Sincerely,


Claudio D. Fort
President and CEO