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Re: Docket No. GMCB-010-15con; Proposed Ambulatory Surgical Center; Request for Supplemental Implementation Report

Dear Vice President Billings,

This letter issues in response to Northwestern Medical Center's (NMC's) request, dated October 26, 2016, for the Green Mountain Care Board to require Vermont Eye Surgery and Laser Center (VESLC) to submit supplemental implementation reporting under VESLC's Certificate of Need (CON).

It is not clear from your October 26 letter what NMC is requesting from the Board. NMC requests that the Board require VESLC to submit an implementation report (alternately described as supplemental or updated) with no specified reporting time. Also, the referenced attached final report does not appear to have been included either with the hard copy or emailed copy of the letter. Assuming that report was dated May of 2013 as stated in your letter, it was not the most recent report submitted to the Board.

Our records regarding Docket No. 05-058-H indicate that the Board received VESLC's final required implementation report on July 10, 2014, reporting data through May 31, 2014. The Board sent VESLC a letter, dated July 18, 2014, acknowledging receipt of the final report and stating that no further reporting was required. As Docket No. 05-058-H is now closed and the CON issued thereunder expired, the Board does not have authority to compel additional reporting by VESLC.

Copies of all implementation reports by VESLC should be on file with NMC's counsel. If not, NMC may submit a public records request pursuant to Title 1, Ch. 5 of the Vermont Statutes.

Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,



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