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August 28, 2015

Ms. Rebecca O'Berry
Gifford Medical Center
44 South Main St., PO 2000
Randolph, VT 05060

RE: Docket No. GMCB-015-15con, Proposed Offering of Neurosurgery Services at Gifford Medical Center, Project cost: \$107,200

Dear Ms. O'Berry:

Thank you for your letter received on July 31, 2015 requesting a jurisdictional determination and email dated August 28, 2015, regarding Gifford Medical Center's intention to provide neurosurgery services in the existing operating rooms on its campus in Randolph.

As represented in your letter, since 1998, Gifford has referred patients requiring neurosurgery services to Upper Valley Neurology and Neurosurgery (UVNN) based in Lebanon, NH. UVNN provides services at Alice Peck Day and New London hospitals. Instead of making referrals that require Gifford patients to travel for neurosurgery services, UVNN physicians will provide these services at Gifford in the existing operating rooms. It is anticipated that the services will require a half day a week of OR time and a half day a week of clinic time. It is represented that the additional cases, estimated to be 18 annually, can be accommodated with no renovation to the existing operating room area, and that the total cost of the additional 18 cases would be approximately \$107,200 annually. As represented, annual operating expenses are expected to be well below \$500,000.

Based on the information provided, the addition of neurosurgery services as described in your submission is not subject to Certificate of Need review at this time. Therefore, Gifford Medical Center may proceed with offering the neurosurgery services. As you proceed with implementation, if there are any changes in scope, OR and/or clinic time beyond a half day for each, annual operating expenses or other project costs, the Board must be notified immediately to determine whether the changes require 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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Health Policy Analyst

cc: Judy Henkin, Health Policy Director

