

**STATE OF VERMONT  
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD**

In re: Application of Visiting Nurse and Hospice )  
For Vermont and New Hampshire )  
Health Information Technology Project ) GMCB-011-20con  
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**CERTIFICATE OF NEED**

In accordance with Title 18, Chapter 221, Subchapter 5, other applicable laws, and the Statement of Decision and Order in this matter, the Green Mountain Care Board issues this certificate of need to Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH or “the Applicant”), subject to the conditions set forth below and in the Certificate of Need issued.

**Project Description and Scope**

VNH is a member of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (DHH) integrated delivery system. The project seeks to replace VNH’s current electronic health record and related information systems to achieve a unified health information technology system with D-HH. The objective of the project is to improve both the delivery of care and patients’ experience of care by replacing existing disparate and outdated HIT systems at VNH with a single-platform, unified EHR system from Epic Systems used by Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH). The unified Epic-based EHR platform and related technology systems will be extended from D-HH, as the licensee, to VNH as an affiliated member of the health system. The total cost of the project is \$5,869,024.

The project is outlined in greater detail in the Statement of Decision and Order in this docket, incorporated herein and issued today by the Board.

**Project Conditions**

The project as proposed, subject to the following conditions, meets the statutory criteria set forth in 18 V.S.A. § 9437:

1. The Applicant shall develop and operate the project in strict compliance with its scope as described in the application, in other materials in the record submitted by the applicant, and in strict conformance with the Statement of Decision and Order issued today in this docket. This certificate of need is limited to the project and activities described therein.
2. Noncompliance with any provision of this certificate of need or with applicable ordinances, rules, laws and regulations constitutes a violation of this certificate of need and may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to 18 V.S.A. §§ 9445, 9374(i), (j), and any other applicable law.

3. The project shall be fully implemented within three (3) years of the date of issuance of this certificate of need.
4. Given the anticipated transfer of funds to VNH from D-HH. Such transfers shall be reported in all CON implementation reports filed with the Board.
5. Provide an estimate of the costs associated with maintenance and optimization of the systems that will be charged to VNH through D-HH shared services allocation to be incorporated in VNH's FY23 budget.
6. The Applicant shall file implementation reports with the Board beginning six months from the date of this certificate of need and at six-month intervals thereafter until all components and phases of the project are complete and fully operational and all invoices have been paid. The implementation reports shall include the following:
  - a. an overview of the project, including any changes in financing, and information and analysis demonstrating that the project fully complies with its scope as approved in this certificate of need;
  - b. a spreadsheet separately listing each individual line item expenditure and, for each expenditure: 1) the total dollar amount approved by the Board; 2) the dollar amount spent through previous reporting periods; 3) the dollar amount spent during this reporting period; 4) the cumulative dollar amount spent to date; 5) the amount remaining in dollars, and 6) the amount remaining as a percentage.
7. This certificate of need is not transferable or assignable and is issued only for the premises and entity named in the application.
8. If the Applicant contemplates or becomes aware of a nonmaterial change, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9432(12), or a material change as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9432(11), to the scope or cost of the project described in its application and as designated in this certificate of need, the Applicant shall file a notice of such change immediately with the Board. The Board shall thereafter advise the Applicant whether the proposed change is subject to additional review.
9. The Board may, after the Applicant is provided notice and an opportunity to be heard, make such further orders as are necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of this certificate of need and to ensure compliance with its terms and conditions.
10. All reports, notices, forms, information or submissions of any kind required to be submitted to the Board as a condition of this certificate of need shall be signed and verified by the Applicant's chief executive officer, or by his or her designated representative.
11. The conditions contained in this certificate of need shall remain in effect for the duration of the reporting period set forth in Condition 6, above.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: July 2, 2021 at Montpelier, Vermont.

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

Filed: July 2, 2021

Attest: /s/ Jean Stetter, Administrative Services Director