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March 29, 2022

Shireen Hart Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC 30 Main St, Suite 500 PO Box 1489 Burlington, VT 05402

RE: Docket No. GMCB-018-21con, Rutland Regional Medical Center Temporary Use of Mobile MRI

Dear Ms. Hart:

Thank you for your letter dated March 24, 2022, notifying the Board of additional costs to the above referenced project. The original project was determined to not be subject to certificate of need (CON) review under 18 V.S.A. § 9434(b) on September 17, 2021.

In your letter you represented that the trailer housing the Mobile Unit is larger than originally expected, so the distance from the Radiology Department point of egress to the Mobile Unit's entrance is greater than originally anticipated, which required a greater scope for the temporary protected walkway.

Most of the additional items you listed were related to patient safety and comfort. The Vermont Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety, imposed increased safety requirements for the temporary walkway. The original sidewalls for the existing canopy to cover the walkway were no longer usable and RRMC had to purchase a more durable material to replace them. New pavement was required. RRMC also identified the need to heat the space, given the distance a patient would need to be transported by stretcher to the temporary trailer.

The letter represents the final cost of the walkway is \$39,961 and the additional operational costs associated with heating and cooling the space are not expected to exceed \$5,000.

The revisions to scope and associated costs represented in your March 24 letter do not affect the non-jurisdictional determination made on September 17, 2021. As you proceed with developing and implementing this project, if there are any further changes in type, scope, duration or cost of the project, please contact the Board immediately so we may determine whether any further process is necessary. Failure to do so as required by Green Mountain Care Board Rule 4.301(4) may result in sanctions as specified in 8 V.S.A. § 9445.



If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-760-8162.

Sincerely,

<u>s/ Donna Jerry</u> Donna Jerry, Senior Health Policy Analyst Green Mountain Care Board

cc: Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney, GMCB