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July 29, 2022 Donna

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RE: Docket No. GMCB-007-22con, Copley Hospital, Replacement of Mansfield Orthopaedics Medical Office Building in Waterbury. Total Project Cost: \$5,903,747.

Dear Donna,

In response to your inquiry of July 28, 2022, we respectfully submit the following response:

- 1. On page 22 of the application, you stated “the project will not result in increased charges or costs for patient care.” It has come to our attention that Copley Hospital has requested a 12% increase in rates in its recent hospital budget submission. Confirm whether Copley Hospital’s previous statement that the project will not result in increased charges or costs for patient care is still accurate. Also, please confirm whether the requested 12% increase in FY 2023 is included or excluded in the financial tables you have submitted for the project.**

Regardless of whether we occupied the current Waterbury location or the proposed location, the FY 2023 requested rate increase of 12% would have been the same and the patient wouldn’t have seen any difference in the charge amount for services as a result of the project. The 12% is due to the current unprecedented workforce challenges, hyperinflation and our aging infrastructure, and is not related to the proposed Waterbury CON.

At the time of our CON submission we still hadn’t finalized our 2023 Budget. The financial tables submitted for the project include a 9% rate increase. In a meeting on May 10, 2022 with the GMCB, it was acknowledged that the FY 2023 year would only be a draft, since the application would be submitted prior to the July 1st deadline for the budget submission. A 9% increase was our best estimate at the time.

We welcome the opportunity to respond to your valued contributions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joseph Woodin

Joseph Woodin, President & CEO