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August 4, 2022

Mr. Eric Miller, SVP and General Counsel
The University of Vermont Medical Center
462 Shelburne Road, Suite 301
Burlington, VT 05401

RE: Docket No. GMCB-003-22con, Relocation of UVMHC's Existing Outpatient Dermatology and Ophthalmology Practices to 350 Tilley Drive, Project Cost: \$35,246,100

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your responses to questions to date regarding the above reference project. Please respond to the questions below.

1. The project will increase the number of exam rooms for Dermatology from 20 to 29, which represents a 45% increase in the number of exam rooms. The project also increases the number of Dermatologists by 1.0 FTE. Provide the number of existing Dermatologists to be transferred to this new location and explain in more detail the need for nine additional exam rooms given the total number of Dermatologists, projected volumes, and your assumption of no change in UVMHC's market share.
2. In a table format, provide the number of existing and projected procedure rooms (PR) and operating rooms (OR), if any, for the dermatology practices and the ophthalmology practices.
3. Explain whether as a result of this project, UVMHC will increase charges for procedures/surgeries to payers/patients for dermatology and ophthalmology and/or for other procedures/surgeries in other specialties or services.
4. Confirm whether UVMHC will request any rate increases as a result of this project. It has come to our attention that UVMHC has requested a 10.1% increase in rates in its recent hospital budget submission. Confirm whether UVMHC'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 10.1% increase in FY 2023 is included or excluded in the financial tables you have submitted for the project.



5. Confirm the cost per square foot for the renovation/fit-up of the two-story building and the cost per square foot for the 2,220 square foot addition to the existing building.
6. Regarding your April 11, 2022 answer to Question 2 of the Board's Requests for Additional Information (Q.001). Thank you for your description of the variables currently in flux that may impact wait times in the future. Please revise and resubmit the Wait Times tables on pages 4-5 of the application by providing your best estimate of wait times for Projected Years 1, 2, and 3. Either use your professional judgement to provide your best estimate, with an understanding that it is only an estimate, or provide the projected wait time assumptions UVMHC is currently using in its own planning.

In responding, restate the question in bold font and respond in unbolded font. Send an electronic copy to me at donna.jerry@vermont.gov and one hard copy (three-hole punched) with a Verification Under Oath to my attention at the Green Mountain Care Board, 144 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602.

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

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry
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Green Mountain Care Board

cc. Laura Beliveau
Staff Attorney

