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Amanda Angell
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Burlington, VT 05401

RE: Docket No. GMCB-011-22con. UVMC Purchase of a da Vinci Xi Robotic Surgical System. Project Cost: \$2,460,000.

Dear Ms. Angell,

Thank you for your application regarding UVMC's intent to purchase a new da Vinci Robotic Surgical System. Please answer the following questions:

1. Provide the quote or a detailed description of the scope of work and associated costs to support the \$40,000 of facilities work to accommodate the new robotic system.
2. The table titled, "Capital Costs" on page 7 of the application, reflects \$70,000 in the line item titled, "Other." Identify what is included in this line item and associated costs.
3. Based on your current experience with the decreased post-operative recovery time for procedures currently performed on the da Vinci, you estimated an average savings of .75 days per procedure. Explain in detail how you calculated the average savings.
4. Confirm whether the project will result in increased charges or costs for patient care.
5. Address Statutory Criteria 9 by explaining your referral process for patients seen at the University of Vermont Medical Center for procedures eligible for robotic-assisted surgery who express a need for mental health services.
6. Explain in detail the assessment process and what information is taken into consideration for determining whether each patient is appropriate for robotic-assisted surgery.



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7. Explain in detail how the potential cost avoidance was calculated for each year on page 7 of the application.
8. In Table 3B (Income Statement) confirm that the dollar amounts shown in the line item titled, “Lease Expense Savings” are for the projected Cost Avoidance Savings reflected on page 7 of the application.
9. In Table 3 A, B, and C, the Proposed Years 1-5 are listed as 2023 – 2027. Table 4 A, B and C show Proposed Years as 2024-2028 and year 2023 is not reflected. In all other financial tables, the Proposed Years 1-5 are listed as 2023 – 2027. Correct and resubmit Table 4 (Balance Sheet) with the correct proposed years and include year 2023.
10. Page 6 of the application states: “The project will require approximately 50 hours of staff training, costing approximately \$10k in wages and backfill.” This expense must be included as it is a part of the project’s cost, despite being incurred prior to the new da Vinci becoming operational. Revise and resubmit Tables 1-4 to reflect the \$10,000 expense.

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, GMCB

