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**Re: Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital  
Emergency Room extension  
DOCKET No. GMCB-006-22con**

Dear Ms. Jerry:

Please consider this letter as Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital's ("NVRH") update to the Green Mountain Care Board ("GMCB") regarding the above docket number referencing the Emergency Room Extension.

Our original request indicating a cost of; \$2,856,287 under the original jurisdictional threshold of \$3 million. Upon the receipt of project sub-contractor bids and a detailed review of the project, we have the following updates for your consideration:

Cost of the project has increased to \$3,282,468. The increase directly correlated by labor and workforce challenges, supply chain challenges and unpredictable inflationary impact. It is imperative to note our project scope has not changed. Our urgent need for the project has remained high as well. We believe the aforementioned conditions are and will continue to be beyond our control. Any delay in our project, could result in continued increase in supply chain costs. Within the updated cost, there has been an increase in both material and non-material expenses. More heavily seen in non-material labor related expenses. Financing for this project remains covered up to \$3 million with the Congressionally Delegated Spending HRSA funds. NVRH plans to use its own equity to cover anticipated possible overage of \$282,648.

It is understood; in March 2022, the capital expenditure limit was increased to \$3,365,386 via Certificate of Need Bulletin 004. We believe the project will continue to remain under the limit put forth. Additionally, we understand that if at any point, we are aware of overage, or the contemplation of overage the GMCB is to be made aware.



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In summary, NVRH is providing updated financial information for the Emergency Room extension specific to the Mental Health Support Area. This project remains below the current threshold for Certificate of Need review.

Kind Regards,



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