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May 31, 2023

Robert S. Adcock, Chief Executive Officer  
Springfield Hospital  
25 Ridgewood Road  
Springfield, VT 05156

**RE: Docket No. GMCB-008-23con, Springfield Hospital, Nuclear Medicine Equipment Upgrade**

Dear Mr. Adcock:

Thank you for your letter dated May 24, 2023, requesting a jurisdictional determination regarding the above referenced project.

Your letter represents that Springfield Hospital's Nuclear Medicine Department proposes to upgrade its existing Siemens E-Cam gamma camera with a new Siemens Symbia Pro.Specta X3 unit. The hospital's current Siemens E-Cam gamma camera is over 19 years old; Siemens has deemed the equipment at the end of its service life and the manufacturer will no longer guarantee parts or repairs. Over the past three years, the current gamma camera has been unreliable and the hospital has been unable to provide patients with services using this equipment on a consistent basis. As a result, Springfield Hospital has had to refer patients out of its service area, resulting in delays, inconvenience, and higher costs for patients. Springfield Hospital has not completed a Nuclear Medicine exam in over a year due to the status of the current camera. The proposed project includes renovating the current Nuclear Medicine space by expanding into a neighboring exam room and office to accommodate the new Siemens unit. The hospital states that the goal is to revitalize the modality to continue offering high-quality imaging and patient care to its community and keep this care local and convenient.

The proposed new Siemens Symbia Pro.Specta X3 will allow Myocardial Perfusion Imaging (MPI) exams for cardiac patients, as well as bone scans to detect bone metastases, stress fractures and osteomyelitis, and Hepatobiliary Scans which assess gallbladder function and can detect a bile leak. The camera also includes diagnostic CT capabilities, which will allow Springfield Hospital to complete biopsies and more preventative procedures, such as lung and colorectal screenings, ordered by primary care providers.



The total capital cost of approximately \$981,619 and the total annual operating expense of \$253,726 are both well below the expenditures that trigger review. Based on the representations contained in the documents you have submitted, the project is not subject to certificate of need (CON) review at this time.

As you proceed with developing and implementing this project, if there are any changes in type, scope, or cost of the project (including, but not limited to, changes in capital and/or annual operating expenses), 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,

s/ Donna Jerry

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Green Mountain Care Board

cc: Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney, GMCB

