

Via Email & U.S. Mail

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RE: Request to Withdraw Request to Amend the CON for Expansion of Epic to The University of Vermont Health Network – Home Health & Hospice, Inc., Docket No. GMCB-001-17con

Dear Donna:

By way of this letter, we respectfully request to withdraw our request, dated February 17, 2022, to amend the CON for the proposed implementation of the Epic electronic health record (EHR) system at The University of Vermont Health Network – Home Health & Hospice, Inc. (the "Project Expansion"), in accordance with Green Mountain Care Board Rule 4.402(4).

At this time, our plans for the Project Expansion have changed, due to financial constraints as well as advancements in EHR systems available for use by Home Health & Hospice (that is, investments in the current and similar platforms may enable interoperability with Epic). As such, Home Health & Hospice is re-evaluating potential EHRs with an eye toward improved operational options that support how we deliver care in the home as part of an integrated healthcare delivery system, potentially at a lower cost. While we complete this additional exploratory work, we will continue to use our current EHR, which is compliant with regulatory requirements.

The implementation of Epic at the six Network hospitals is now complete. It is our plan to submit the final Epic implementation report in the next month. To the extent the implementation of a new EHR or enhancements to the current system at Home Health & Hospice exceeds the jurisdictional threshold for Board review, Home Health & Hospice will submit a new, separate application for that project.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Office of Health Care Advocate (via email)