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Steven Cummings, Executive Vice-President and Chief Information Officer
Brattleboro Retreat
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RE: Docket No. GMCB-005-24con, Brattleboro Retreat, New EMR Project

Dear Mr. Cummings:

Thank you for your letter dated February 16, 2024, requesting a jurisdictional determination relative to Brattleboro Retreat's (Retreat) intent to change its electronic medical record system from NetSmart to MEDITECH.

You represent that for ten years the Brattleboro Retreat has used AVATAR, a NetSmart product, as its electronic health record and that AVATAR is no longer meeting the Retreat's needs. The Retreat now proposes to engage MEDITECH for the process of implementing a new EMR system. You represent that the additional annual operating expenses for moving from the NetSmart EMR to the MEDITECH EMR will be \$206,902 in 2024; \$972,815 in 2025; and \$428,862 in 2026. Because the MEDITECH system is a subscription-based service, the Retreat will not capitalize any of the costs of the MEDITECH system. Your letter also states that regardless of the vendor selected for its EMR, the Retreat plans a capital expense of \$228,957 to enhance WiFi within its buildings plus \$214,000 to upgrade aging workstations.

Based on the representations contained in the document you 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, services, or cost of the project (including, but not limited to, changes in capital and/or annual operating expenses), please contact the Board immediately so that 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 any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-760-8162.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry

Donna Jerry

Senior Health Policy Analyst

cc. Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney, Green Mountain Care Board

