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 Adult Day Service
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Green Mountain Care Board
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Dear Green Mountain Care Board,

We, at Bennington Project Independence (BPI), are writing to request a jurisdictional determination from the Green Mountain Care Board for our Adult Day Service Capacity Expansion Infrastructure Project. We will be completing the renovation of our current building's lower level, creating a ground level emergency egress and adding a small addition to the first floor of our Adult Day facility over the lower egress addition.

22.6% of the population of Bennington County is 65 and older. 49% of our current members are enrolled in the HCBS program. We have received 118 inquiries regarding our services since this past July. Our Adult Day expansion will enable BPI to better meet the needs of our growing HCBS and older population. Bennington Project Independence has been providing comprehensive and innovative Adult Day Services for older persons, younger adults with disabilities and their carepartners throughout Bennington County for over 46 yrs.

The following is a snapshot of our Adult Day Services

Type of Services	Level of provider	FTE	On-site provision
Medical Services:			
Nursing care & assessment	RN, LPN	2 FTE	Yes
First Aid	RN, LPN	2 FTE	Yes
Diabetic Care	RN, LPN	2 FTE	Yes
Medication Administration & Management	RN, LPN	2 FTE	Yes
Oxygen Assistance	RN/LPN	2 FTE	Yes
Ostomy & Wound care	RN/LPN	2 FTE	Yes
Monitoring vitals	RN/LPN	2 FTE	Yes
Foot & Nail care	RN/LPN	2 FTE	Yes
Health Education	RN	2 FTE	Yes
Range of Motion	LPN/LNA/Activity Assistants	4 FTE	Yes
Showers and Personal care	LNA/Activity Assistants	4 FTE	Yes
Non-Medical Services			
Social Work	BSW	1FTE	Yes
Healthy Meals & Snacks	Nutrition staff	4 FTE	Yes
Comprehensive Activity Engagement	ADC & Activity Assistants	7 FTE	Yes

Socialization	ADC & Activity Assistants	7 FTE	Yes
Fitness/Exercise	Activity Assistants	7 FTE	Yes
Creative Art Therapy	ATR/MA	1PT	Yes
Community & Intergenerational Interaction	Activity Assistants	7 FTE	Yes
Accessible Transportation	Van Drivers	2 FTE	Yes

Infrastructure Expansion Budget	Current Year	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Income				
HCBS Grant	0	1,800,000	0	0
BPI Reserve	0	590,000	0	0
Total	0	2,390,000	0	0
Expense				
Construction	0	1,800,000	0	0
Consultants	0	270,000	0	0
Permits	0	20,000	0	0
Fixtures & Furnishings	0	150,000	0	0
Contingency	0	50,000	0	0
Total	0	2,390,000	0	0

Operational Budget	Current Year Annual	Year 1*	Year 2 **	Year 3 **
Income Total	1,963,938	2,160,332	2,268,349	2,336,399
Expense Total	1,963,938	2,160,332	2,268,349	2,336,399

*Year 1 includes a larger bump in staffing, utility and supply costs due to increased census

** Years 2 and 3 stabilizes operational needs for enhanced census and lower level utilization

Our project includes expansion and renovation of our current Adult Day facility in Bennington, VT. All our current services will continue, just in more space with more staff. We are not adding any additional or new services.

We hope you will look favorably on our request for a jurisdictional determination.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Executive Director