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Linda Wichlac, Executive Director
Bennington Project Independence
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RE: Docket No. GMCB-013-24con, Bennington Project Independence, Adult Day Service Capacity Infrastructure Project

Dear Ms. Wichlac:

Thank you for your letter dated April 16, 2024, regarding Bennington Project Independence's (BPI) Adult Day Service Capacity Infrastructure Project.

Your letter states that this project includes the expansion and renovation of your current Adult Day facility in Bennington, Vermont to better meet the needs of Bennington's growing older population. The project intends to complete the renovation of the current building's lower level, creating a ground-level emergency egress and adding a small addition to the first floor of the Adult Day facility over the lower egress addition. All the current services will continue just in more space with more staff. No new or additional services will be added.

Bennington Project Independence has been providing comprehensive and innovative Adult Day services for older persons, and younger adults with disabilities and their care partners throughout Bennington County for over 46 years. The services currently offered include the following:

- Nursing care and assessment
- First Aid
- Diabetic Care
- Medication Administration and Management
- Oxygen Assistance
- Ostomy and Wound Care
- Monitoring Vitals
- Foot and Nail Care
- Health Education



- Range of Motion
- Showers and Personal Care
- Social Work
- Healthy Meals and Snacks
- Comprehensive Activity Engagement
- Socialization
- Fitness/Exercise
- Creative Art Therapy
- Community and Intergenerational Interaction
- Accessible Transportation

Although the cost of the project would trigger review for a “health care facility” as defined in 18 V.S.A. §9432(8), Bennington Project Independence is an Adult Day facility and not considered to be a “health care facility.” Therefore, it is not subject to review. Based on the representation contained in your letter, because the facility remains an Adult Day facility and its services and function are not changing, the renovations and upgrades to the building housing the Adult Day are not subject to CON review.

As you proceed with developing and implementing this project, if there are any changes in type, scope, or arrangements of the project, 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 any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-760-8162.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry
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cc. Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney, GMCB

