

**STATE OF VERMONT
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD**

In re: University of Vermont Medical Center)
Development of an Outpatient)
Surgery Center) Docket No. GMCB-004-23con
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ORDER EXTENDING REVIEW PERIOD

On February 10, 2023, the University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMMC) applied to the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) for a Certificate of Need (CON) to develop an outpatient surgery center. The total cost of the project is approximately \$130 million.

The GMCB closed the CON application on February 28, 2024, without invoking an extension of the application review period, as allowed by 18 V.S.A. § 9440(c)(4). Since the closure of the application, the record has been supplemented with additional materials:

1. On February 29, 2024, the GMCB requested an updated response to Question 10 in Q009. On March 12, 2024, UVMMC provided a revised response.
2. On March 20, 2024, the GMCB’s consultants submitted written reports regarding the application. UVMMC posed written questions to the GMCB regarding these reports. Responses to UVMMC’s questions were provided on April 12, 2024, and UVMMC responded to the reports on April 25, 2024. The GMCB’s consultants clarified their positions on May 1, 2024.
3. A hearing was held on May 20, 2024, resulting in 323 pages of public testimony and 22 pages of confidential testimony.
4. The GMCB issued post-hearing questions on May 23, 2024. UVMMC responded to these questions on June 11, 2024.
5. The Office of the Health Care Advocate (HCA) submitted written comments on May 24, 2024, raising concerns related to affordability and elements of UVMMC’s approach to the project and recommending that the GMCB impose conditions on the project. UVMMC responded to the HCA’s comments on June 11, 2024.

The record in this matter is lengthy and complex and includes a large volume of recently submitted materials. The case is also of significant importance and calls for thorough and thoughtful consideration. Additional time will be required for GMCB to properly and completely review the record and issue a final decision. Accordingly, there is “good cause” to extend the deadline for issuance of a final decision under 18 V.S.A. § 9440(d)(3).

ORDER

Pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9440(d)(3), the GMCB extends the review period in this matter by an additional 30 days, to July 29, 2024.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 21, 2024, at Montpelier, Vermont.

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<u>s/ Owen Foster, Chair</u>)	
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<u>s/ Jessica Holmes</u>)	
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<u>s/ Robin Lunge</u>)	
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<u>s/ David Murman</u>)	
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<u>s/ Thom Walsh</u>)	
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Attest: s/ Jean Stetter, Administrative Services Director
Green Mountain Care Board

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