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RE: Docket No. GMCB-015-23con, Development of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility

Dear Ms. Wohl:

Thank you for your August 8, 2024 response to our questions regarding the Retreat's request for a jurisdictional determination for the development of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) at the Brattleboro Retreat (Retreat). Please respond to the following:

1. Explain in detail the Retreat's policy for the admission of voluntary and involuntary patients in the residential program that was paused in 2021 and the policy for voluntary and involuntary admissions for the PRTF.
2. Explain in detail whether the residential program that was paused in 2021 was a locked or unlocked program and whether the PRTF will be a locked or unlocked facility.
3. Explain in more detail why the Retreat does not believe that the overall acuity of the resident population of the residential program that was paused in 2021 will be different in the PRTF program. (see page 5, August 8, 2024 letter from Retreat)
4. In your response to questions dated August 8, 2024, it is stated, "The Retreat maintains that because of this provision, the Retreat's PRTF program can, and should be licensed under the current Hospital Licensing Rule. However, the Retreat noted in its previous letter, it remains unclear as to whether the Department of Health will determine that a separate licensure category is necessary." Please provide an update regarding CMS' requirements for licensure and the licensure decision made by the Vermont Department of Health regarding the PRTF.



In responding, restate the question in bold font and respond in unbolded font. Send an electronic copy to me at donna.jerry@vermont.gov and one hard copy (three-hole punched) with a Verification Under Oath to my attention at the Green Mountain Care Board, 1 National Life-Davis 3, Montpelier, Vermont 05633.

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

