



April 10, 2023

Ms. Donna Jerry
Senior Health Policy Analyst
Green Mountain Care Board
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Re: GMCB Docket 003-23con—REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW

Dear Ms. Jerry:

By this letter, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital requests expedited review of the Certificate of Need Application that it submits today. On January 27, 2023, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital submitted a letter of intent to apply for a Certificate of Need to build a new medical office building for its Primary Care Practice and to demolish a portion of the existing building. Today, April 10, 2023, it has submitted its application.

A request for expedited review may be granted if the application (a) is likely to be uncontested and (b) does not substantially alter services. 18 V.S.A. § 9440(c)(5). A project does not substantially alter services if:

1. The project raises no significant healthcare policy or planning concerns; and
2. the expenditures associated with the proposed project do not have a significant impact on the services provided, the cost of healthcare or the financial strength of the applicant.

Green Mountain Care Board Rule 4.304.

As discussed in significant detail in the application, this project is an opportunity for Grace Cottage Family Health to improve the delivery of the same services it currently provides today without increased costs to the patients or the system. The expenditures associated with this project will improve the efficiency with which services can be provided and increase access to primary care, which has repeatedly been demonstrated to drive down the total costs of care in a health care system. The financial tables submitted with this project demonstrate that the applicant has the financial capacity to take on this project.

Thank you very much for your assistance thus far. We look forward to working with you to process this application as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Douglas DiVello, consisting of a stylized 'D' followed by a series of loops and a final horizontal stroke.

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