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April 1, 2024

Ms. Donna Jerry
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Green Mountain Care Board
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**Re: Docket No. GMCB-004-23con, Development of Outpatient Surgery Center on Tilley Drive,
Project Cost: \$129,640,703**

Dear Ms. Jerry:

The University of Vermont Medical Center Inc. (“UVM Medical Center”) has reviewed the Green Mountain Care Board’s (the “Board”) March 20, 2024 disclosure of the consultants the Board retained to review UVM Medical Center’s proposed outpatient surgery center project, and their reports concerning surgical demand and capacity projections, project financials, architectural design and construction cost estimates, and the proposed equipment. UVM Medical Center appreciates the Board’s consultants’ thorough evaluation of the proposed project, and we believe this evaluation supports and should inform a Board decision to approve UVM Medical Center’s Certificate of Need application.

The First Amended Scheduling Order (February 28, 2024) permits UVM Medical Center to submit written questions to the Board’s consultants regarding their reports by April 1, 2024. Our team has only two questions, both of which will help us respond, if necessary, to the “HOPD-to-ASC Outpatient Reimbursement Adjustment” analysis contained on page 6 of Volume II of Ascendient’s assessment.

(1) [REDACTED]

(2) [REDACTED]

Because both of these questions relate to the confidential portion of Ascendient's report, we are submitting these questions on a confidential basis and ask that our questions and Ascendient's answers be exempted from public inspection pursuant to the Board's prior rulings in this matter. We are providing an unredacted version to the Health Care Advocate, pursuant to the Confidentiality Agreement previously executed by the HCA and approved by the Board.

UVM Medical Center does intend to submit a written response to the consultant reports on or before its April 25, 2024 deadline to do so.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Miller".

Eric Miller
Senior Vice President and General Counsel
The University of Vermont Health Network

cc. Interested Parties (via email)