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Ms. Elina Moss Koumjian
52 Bear Hill
Brattleboro, VT 05301

RE: Docket No. GMCB-009-18con, Development of an Independent Birth Center in Southern Vermont.

Dear Ms. Koumjian:

Thank you for the letter regarding your intent to develop an independent birth center in southern Vermont.

According to your letter, the center will be staffed by certified nurse-midwives and will provide services to Vermonters with low-risk pregnancies. The services offered will include prenatal care, well-woman care, childbirth and breastfeeding education, as well as care during labor, birth and postpartum period. The center will purchase equipment of the same type as that is typically used in outpatient medical offices.

Based on your representations, the proposed project is excluded from Certificate of Need review under 18 V.S.A. § 9435 (a) which excludes “the offices of physicians, dentists, or other practitioners of the healing arts . . . in which such providers perform a range of diagnostic and treatment services usually performed by such providers on an outpatient basis”). We advise you to contact the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL), Division of Licensing and Protection, however, to obtain information and guidance on what regulatory requirements may apply for operating a birth center in this state. However, if there are changes in the future in the type or scope of the project, please notify the Green Mountain Care Board immediately so that we may determine whether further review is required.

If you have any questions, you can contact Donna Jerry at 802-828-2918.

Sincerely,

s/ Kevin Mullin

Kevin Mullin
Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

