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Re: Docket No. GMCB-010-15con, Proposed Ambulatory Surgery Center

Dear Eileen:

The certificate of need application for the above referenced project is now closed. The Board will hold a public hearing in this matter on Thursday April 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the fourth-floor boardroom (Room 410), 133 State Street, Montpelier. A copy of the public notice, which will appear in the Burlington Free Press on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 and on the Board's website, is attached.

At hearing, the applicant should be prepared to provide supporting information and testimony relative to several areas of the application, that may include:

- the basis for the applicant's utilization projections, including assumptions for increases in volumes relative to the number and type of operating and procedure rooms;
- updated information on project financing, including total equity raised to date and timeline for securing loan and equity contributions;
- a breakdown of costs allocated for the use of electronic medical records (EMRs) (*see* Application at 31, Table 10) and detailed information regarding each EMR component;
- the policies and/or procedure(s) that will be implemented relating to use of EMRs, and how such policies and procedures are consistent with the state's health care reform principles (*see* 18 V.S.A. § 9371) and Health Information Technology (HIT) plan (*see* 18 V.S.A. § 9351);
- how the project will impact the price of surgeries or procedures for patients and payers;
- how the project will impact overall costs (price x utilization), long and short term, of health care in the state;
- how the project will impact quality of care on a patient and system-wide basis;
- whether the applicant intends to reconfigure its procedure rooms to comply with Facility Guideline Institute (FGI) Update Series (September 2014), and the projected cost of any change or renovation; and



- how the applicant will participate in health care reform initiatives including the All-Payer Model.

Pursuant to the applicant's March 6 request for time to respond to recent submissions by the interested parties, the Board will allow the applicant to submit a response on or before March 24.

The Hearing Officer will contact the parties' attorneys to schedule a pre-hearing conference.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-828-2918.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry

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