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Dr. Fred Kniffin, President and CEO
Porter Medical Center
Middlebury, VT 05753

RE: Docket No. GMCB-002-17con, Proposed Development of Express Care Service by Porter Medical Center

Dear Dr. Kniffin:

Thank you for your January 16, 2017 letter requesting a jurisdictional determination and your subsequent written response to our questions regarding the proposed development of an Express Care Service by Porter Medical Center (Porter).

According to your January 16 letter, Porter proposes to develop an Express Care Service that will be available seven days a week and will include evening hours. The Express Care Service will be located within existing hospital space which will be renovated for this purpose. The total cost of the project is \$485,000 which includes \$435,000 of capital costs and \$50,000 for the purchase of diagnostic and other equipment typically used in a physician's office. In response to our question, your January 31 letter clarifies that Porter will not offer or employ any new health care service or technology, *see* 18 V.S.A. § 9434 (b)(3), but that its intent is to increase community access to health care services that are already offered by the hospital.

Based on the information you have provided, the proposed project does not trigger Certificate of Need review. However, should Porter Medical Center consider future changes to the project or expansions of the type, scope or cost of services offered, please notify the Green Mountain Care Board immediately so that we may determine whether further review is required. This no jurisdiction determination only applies to the services represented in the letters noted above.

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

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry
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