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Mr. James Trimarchi  
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center  
100 Hospital Drive  
Bennington, VT 05201

**RE: Docket No. GMCB-017-16con, Renovations to the Third Floor of Existing Medical Office Building to Consolidate Five Specialty Medicine Practices, Project Cost: \$1,200,000.**

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the letter dated September 8, 2016 requesting a jurisdictional determination for Southwestern Vermont Medical Center's (SVMC) proposed third floor renovation of the existing medical office building to consolidate five specialty medicine practices into one suite. With the project, SVMC expects to achieve operational efficiencies and decrease operating costs. The suite will accommodate the specialties of rheumatology, infectious disease, neurology, allergy and pulmonology.

It is represented that 8,263 square feet, approximately 42% of the total space on the third floor of the existing medical office building will be renovated to accommodate the five specialty medicine practices noted above. As represented, the renovation requires no temporary or permanent displacements of services or functions.

Based on the representations contained in the documents and breakdown of expected costs, the total cost of this renovation is estimated to be \$1,200,000, which is below the \$3,000,000 that would trigger review for a hospital project. However, if there are future changes in the type or scope of the project, increases in annual operating expenses, or any expansions, please notify the Green Mountain Care Board immediately so that we may determine whether further review is required.

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

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry

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