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Department of Human Services
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Division of Licensing and
Regulatory Services

RE: Maine Medical Center
P6 Renovations
Letter of Intent

Dear Ms. Powell:

Maine Medical Center (MMC) is requesting a ruling from the Department regarding the applicability of the Certificate of Need Program to MMC's proposed project to renovate its P6 Geriatric Psychiatric Inpatient Unit. MMC believes that this project is subject to review as described in the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002, 22 M.R.S.A. § 329. MMC intends to submit and certify as complete a certificate of need application for the proposed project in time for the April 2009 hospital small project review cycle.

The project involves renovations to the unit, primarily converting 4-bed patient rooms to semi-private rooms and adding ADA-compliant toilet rooms. The capital expenditure for this project is estimated to be approximately five million dollars (\$5,000,000). The incremental third year operating expense and capital investment fund debit are estimated to be approximately three hundred thirty three thousand dollars (\$333,000).

MMC also seeks to arrange a Technical Assistance Meeting within the next 30 days of this Letter of Intent as required by the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002, 22 M.R.S.A. § 337; and the Maine Certificate of Need Procedures Manual for Health Care Facilities (other than Nursing Facilities) Chapter 2, Subsection 2 (2). The purposes of the Technical Assistance Meeting with the Department staff are to assist the Department in understanding the application and to receive technical assistance concerning the nature, extent and format of the documentary evidence, statistical data and financial data required for the Department to evaluate the proposal.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions; I may be reached by telephone at 207-662-2451 or by email at linehr@mainehealth.org. Please note change in email address.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Linehan
Director of Planning