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RE: Maine Medical Center
Master Facility Plan Phase IIB
Letter of Intent

Dear Ms. Taylor and Mr. Carbonneau,

Maine Medical Center (MMC) is requesting a ruling from the Department regarding the applicability of the Certificate of Need Program to MMC's proposed Master Facility Plan (MFP) Phase IIB project. MMC believes this project is subject to review as described in the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002 22 M.R.S.A § 329.

The MFP Phase IIB Project is the second stage of MFP Phase II that began with Maine Medical Center Bean 2 & Cardiac Hybrid Operating Project which was awarded a Certificate of Need with conditions on February 7, 2014. MFPII's principal purpose is the increase of effective capacity through the replacement and modernization of MMC's clinical facilities and infrastructure. No new licensed beds will be requested as part of this project.

Close to fifty-five percent (55%) of the licensed beds at MMC are semi-private and seventy-seven percent (77%) of all clinical activities are in buildings 30 years old or older. Continuous maintenance and incremental improvements are being made to meet the needs of patients today. It is becoming exceedingly difficult for MMC to meet the future needs of patients without this project.

MFP Phase IIB Project involves demolition, new construction, and renovations to replace one-hundred-twenty-eight (128) beds in semi-private rooms with one-hundred-twenty-eight (128) beds in private universal inpatient rooms, build twenty (20) universal procedure rooms to partially replace and upgrade existing procedure rooms, and associated procedure preparation and recovery capacity to a new area adjacent to replacement procedure space. The estimated capital expenditure for the CON reviewable components of this project is estimated at three-hundred-ninety-two-million-four-hundred-thousand dollars (\$392,400,000).

I will be contacting you soon to arrange a Technical Assistance Meeting. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I may be reached by telephone at 207-662-3689 or by email at agreen@mmc.org.

Sincerely,



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