Northern Light Health

Acadia Hospital
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Via Email and U.S. Mail
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Re: Acadia Hospital Inpatient Capacity Project - Letter of Intent/Reviewability

Dear Mr. Carbonneau,

Northern Light Acadia Hospital (Acadia), a member of Northern Light Health, is submitting this letter of intent/reviewability to proceed with the expansion of inpatient capacity at its campus located in Bangor, Maine. Please advise in writing of the CON applicability of this proposal as described below.

As one of two private psychiatric hospitals in Maine, Acadia serves people from all over the State. The gap in access to inpatient mental/behavioral health services in the State is well documented, and the challenge to improved access has only worsened since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Patient demand for psychiatric inpatient care far exceeds available resources, which in turn strains resources at hospital emergency departments as patients await availability of an inpatient bed and a more appropriate setting for treatment. Acadia virtually operates at capacity year-round and has for several years now. This project directly impacts the mental/behavioral health access needs of the people of Maine.

The proposed project includes the construction of a facility housing 50 new single occupancy rooms, and the renovation of 50 existing rooms to meet our goal of accommodating a census of 100 patients daily. The inpatient units will better address the clinical needs of a more acute patient population. This includes sensory development, group therapy, occupational therapy, and recreational activities.

The estimated cost of the project is $26 million, including construction and related costs, new equipment, and financing costs. All construction will take place on the existing hospital site in Bangor.

Following your response on reviewability, we are prepared to schedule a technical assistance meeting and to submit a CON application thereafter.

Please contact Jean Mellett, Associate VP, Planning and Strategy, (973-7443) with questions.

Sincerely,

Scott Oxley
President, Northern Light Acadia Hospital

Cc: Jean Mellett