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VIA ELECTRONIC & FIRST- CLASS MAIL

William DiStanislao
Interim President, Chief Hospital Executive
Hackensack Meridian Health
Raritan Bay Medical Center
530 New Brunswick Ave.
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Re: CN ER#2019-9147-12;02 E/T
Raritan Bay Medical Center
License #11203
Total Project Cost \$822,000
Expiration date: June 30, 2023

Dear Mr. DiStanislao:

Please be advised that the Department of Health (Department) is approving the extension of time Expedited Review Certificate of Need (CN) application dated July 29, 2021, for Raritan Bay Medical Center (RBMC) to add 1 voluntary (open) and 2 involuntary (closed) acute care inpatient psychiatric beds, to be located at the above address in Middlesex County. The new expiration date for implementation of this CN will be June 30, 2023. Please note that the Department has determined that June 30, 2023, will be the final date for all facilities to implement psychiatric beds that were awarded in the November 17, 2017, CN decision letter.

The initial CN full review (FR 17 0519-12-01) was approved on November 17, 2017, for a period of 2 years or November 17, 2019; for 1 open and 2 closed acute care inpatient psychiatric beds to meet the needs of Middlesex County. An application for an extension of time (2019-9147-12;01) submitted on August 30, 2019, was approved on June 15, 2020, with an expiration date of November 30, 2021.

N.J.A.C. 8:33-3.10(a)4 requires that an applicant for an extension of time to implement a CN provide the facts and circumstances that it believes warrant an extension of time. RBMC indicates in its application that the COVID-19 pandemic brought with it a myriad of issues that made moving forward with this project to be impossible. The Department finds this to be an acceptable rationale for requesting an extension of time.

Please be advised that this will be the final extension of time approved by the Department for implementation of these adult psychiatric beds. If these awarded beds are not ready for occupancy and inspection by the Department by June 30, 2023, the hospital will forfeit the ability to seek licensure of these beds.

Please be also advised that this approval is limited to the application as presented and reviewed. The application, related correspondence and any completeness questions and responses are incorporated and made a part of this approval. An additional review by the Department may be necessary if there is any change in scope, as defined at N.J.A.C. 8:33-3.9. However, a change in cost of an approved certificate of need is exempt from certificate of need review subject to the following:

1. The applicant shall file a signed certification as to the final total project cost expended for the project at the time of the application for licensure for the beds/services with the Certificate of Need and Licensing Program.
2. Where the actual total project cost exceeds the certificate of need approved total project cost and is greater than \$1,000,000, the applicant shall remit the additional certificate of need application fee due to the Certificate of Need and Licensing Program. The required additional fee shall be 0.25 percent of the total project cost in excess of the certificate of need approved total project cost.
3. The Department will not issue a license for beds/services until the additional fee is remitted in full.

The Department in approving this application has relied solely on the facts and information presented by the applicant. The Department has not undertaken an independent investigation of such information. If material facts have not been disclosed or have been misrepresented, the Department may take administrative regulatory action to rescind the approval or refer the matter to the Office of the Attorney General.

Any approval granted by the Department relates to certificate of need and/or licensing requirements only and does not imply acceptance by a reimbursing entity. This letter is not intended as an approval of any arrangement affecting reimbursement or any remuneration involving claims for health care services.

This approval is not intended to preempt in any way the authority of any municipality to regulate land use within its borders and shall not be used by the applicant to represent that the Department has made any findings or determination relative to the use of any specific property.

Please be advised that services may not commence until a license has been issued by the Certificate of Need and Licensing Program for the additional psychiatric beds. A survey by Department staff will be required prior to commencing services.

If you have any questions concerning this approval, please do not hesitate to contact Michael J. Kennedy, Executive Director, Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing at Michael.Kennedy@doh.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

Robin C. Ford

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Health Systems

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