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**VIA ELECTRONIC & FIRST- CLASS MAIL**

Frank Ghinassi, PhD, ABPP  
President & CEO  
Rutgers Health - University Behavioral Health Care  
671 Hoes Lane West  
Piscataway, NJ 08854

RE: Rutgers Health - University Behavioral  
Health Care  
CN# ER 20170511;02  
License #22328  
Total Project Cost \$3,625,000.00  
Expiration date: June 30, 2023

Dear Dr. Ghinassi:

Please be advised that the Department of Health (Department) is approving the extension of time request for the Expedited Review Certificate of Need application for Rutgers Health - University Behavioral Health Care (Facility), dated September 23, 2020, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:33 -5.1(a)(6), to add 19 involuntary (closed) adult acute psychiatric beds to be located at 671 Hoes Lane West, Piscataway, New Jersey, Middlesex County.

The initial CN full review (FR #17-0511-12-22) was approved on November 17, 2017, for a period of two years or until November 17, 2019. Thereafter, a September 17, 2019 application for an extension of time (CN# ER 2019-9157-12), was approved on June 24, 2020, for a new expiration date of September 30, 2020. This Certificate of Need application is being approved for an additional time frame, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:33-3.10, with an approved total project cost as noted above.

The facility indicates that, due to the impact of COVID-19 and unforeseen delays in manufacturing, delivery, and installation issues, the facility was unable to complete construction as originally scheduled and budgeted. However, the facility indicates that

Department of Community Affairs approval and a Certificate of Occupancy from the township's local building authority have been acquired for the project.

Please be advised that this will be the final extension of time approved by the Department for implementation of these adult acute psychiatric beds. If these awarded beds are not ready for occupancy and inspection by the Department by June 30, 2023, Rutgers Health - University Behavioral Health Care 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 herein 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 Healthcare Facility Licensure 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 Healthcare Facility Licensure 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 to us. We have not undertaken an independent investigation of such information. If material facts have not been disclosed or have been represented, 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 this 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 facility 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 Healthcare Facility Licensure Program to 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, J.D., Executive Director, Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing at [Michael.Kennedy@doh.nj.gov](mailto:Michael.Kennedy@doh.nj.gov).

Sincerely,

*Robin C. Ford*

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