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VIA FIRST CLASS AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Alfredo Rabines, DO
Chief Hospital Executive
CarePoint Health- Bayonne Medical Center
29 East 29th Street
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

Re: CarePoint Health- Bayonne Medical Center
CN # ER 2017-0510;03
Original CN# FR 2017-0510; 01
Extension of Time- 15 Closed Psychiatric Beds
Expiration Date: June 30, 2024
Project Cost: \$2,278,000

Dear Dr. Rabines:

The New Jersey Department of Health (Department) is approving the certificate of need (CN) application for an extension of time for the above-referenced facility to add 15 of their 27 awarded involuntary adult acute care psychiatric beds (closed beds), pursuant to N.J.A.C 8:33-5.1(a) 6. This CN was originally approved on November 17, 2017 (CN# FR 2017, 2017-0510; 01) which awarded CarePoint Health - Bayonne Medical Center (BMC) 27 voluntary adult acute care psychiatric beds (open beds). The Department approved an extension of time and a change in scope, on April 28, 2022 (CN# ER 2017-0510; 02) which expired on June 23, 2023. The change in scope approved BMC's request to convert the 27 open beds awarded on November 17, 2017, to 27 closed beds. However, because BMC only has the physical capacity at this time to implement 15 of the 27 closed beds awarded, this extension shall extend only to the 15 closed beds. The rights to the remaining 12 closed beds expired on June 23, 2023.

This extension is being requested because BMC is unable implement the required civil commitment hearing process as a result of judicial staffing shortages. BMC purports that a meeting was held with the Acting County Adjustor for Hudson County to begin the process of establishing the infrastructure needed to conduct commitment hearings and to set BMC with a biweekly civil commitment hearing day. However, the Assignment Judge

for the Hudson County vicinage advised that they are not presently capable of assuming any additional caseload. As a result, the closed beds cannot be licensed at this time. Once the civil commitment hearing process is in place at BMC, the 15 closed beds will be ready for licensure.

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 extension of time approved by the Department noted above, the hospital will forfeit the ability to seek licensure of these beds.

The Department, in approving this application, has relied solely on the facts and information presented. The Department has not undertaken an independent investigation of such information. If material facts have not been disclosed or have been misrepresented as part of this application, the Department may take appropriate administrative regulatory action to rescind the approval or refer the matter to the Office of the New Jersey 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 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 Healthcare Facility Licensure 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,

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