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## Via Electronic and First-Class Mail

Frank Vozos, M.D. Chief Executive Officer Monmouth Medical Center -Southern Campus 600 River Avenue Lakewood, New Jersey 08701

> Re: Monmouth Medical Center –Southern Campus 600 River Avenue Lakewood, New Jersey 08701 CN ER 2019-11165-15 Expiration Date: January 5, 2023

Dear Dr. Vozos:

The New Jersey Department of Health (Department) is approving Monmouth Medical Center-Southern Campus's (MMC-SC) application dated September 18, 2019 for the addition of three (3) closed adult acute psychiatric beds to be operated at Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Center, Toms River in Ocean County pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:33-5.1(a)6, for an extension of time for the Certificate of Need (CN) Full Review (FR) 17 0514-13-01. The CN was originally approved on November 17, 2017. This extension of time is approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:33-3.10.

MMC-SC requests for an extension of time to implement the three (3) approved closed adult acute psychiatric beds, to allow for the implementation of the beds alongside the 17 additionally approved closed beds (CN ER 170702-15-01) to make a new 20 bed closed adult acute psychiatric unit. The 17 closed beds have been approved to be implemented by January 5, 2023. The Department sent MMC-SC completeness questions dated February 13, 2020 to clarify the location the three (3) approved closed adult acute psychiatric beds will be implemented. In a letter dated February 25, 2020, MMC-SC submitted documentation that confirmed the three (3) beds were originally approved to be implemented at Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Center, Toms River in Ocean County. The time period to implement CN ER 2019-

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11165-15 is now extended until January 5, 2023. However, if after this period the application requires an additional extension, a new Expedited Review (ER) CN application submission will be required.

Please be advised that this approval is limited to the proposal as presented and reviewed. An additional review by the Department may be necessary if there is any change in scope as defined in <a href="N.J.A.C.">N.J.A.C.</a> 8:33-3.9. However, in accordance with <a href="N.J.A.C.">N.J.A.C.</a> 8:33-3.9(a) 1-3, a change of cost of an approval CN is exempt from CN review but subject to the following:

- 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 cost project cost exceeds the CN approved total project cost and is greater than \$1,000,000, the applicant shall remit the additional CN application fee due 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 CN approved total project cost.
- 3. The Department shall not issue a license for the beds/services until the additional fee is remitted in full.

This approval is not intended to preempt in any way any municipality's authority 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 such time as a license has been issued by the Certificate of Need and Healthcare Facility Licensure Program.

Any approval granted by this Department relates to CN and/or licensing only and does not imply acceptance by a reimbursing entity. Issues involving reimbursement are solely between the facility and third-party payer. The Department is neither a party to such matters nor an arbiter of disputes between parties.

The Department's decision to approve this application is based solely on the facts, information and materials presented in the application. The Department offers no opinion as to whether the proposed ownership or business organization is in compliance with the Codey Act, the Board of Medical Examiners' administrative rules, the federal anti-referral (Stark) laws and the federal anti-kickback laws. 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.

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The Department looks forward to working to working with Rutgers Health-University Health Care to provide the highest quality of care to the community and patients. If there are any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Felicia Harris, Chief, Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing at Felicia.Harris@doh.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

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