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**Via Electronic and First-Class Mail**

Ms. Clare Sapienza-Eck  
Vice President of Business Development  
and Planning  
Inspira Medical Center – Elmer  
501 West Front Street  
Elmer, New Jersey 08318

Re: Inspira Medical Center – Elmer  
501 West Front Street  
Elmer, New Jersey 08318  
CN ER 2019-9140-17  
Expiration Date: May 31, 2021

Dear Ms. Sapienza-Eck:

The New Jersey Department of Health (Department) is approving Inspira Medical Center – Elmer’s Certificate of Need (CN) Expedited Review (ER) application 2019-9140-17 submitted on September 17, 2019, for an extension of time for the implementation of original CN Full Review (FR)17 0521-17-01. The CN was originally approved on November 17, 2017 for the addition of 14 adult acute care psychiatric beds through the ER CN process set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:33-5.1. This extension of time is approved pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 8:33-3.10.

Three Inspira facilities, Inspira Medical Center-Elmer, Inspira Medical Center-Vineland and Inspira Medical Center-Woodbury, were awarded CNs for the addition of adult psychiatric beds. Each has applied for an extension of time to implement its CN. In support of each application, as required by N.J.A.C. 8:33-3.10(a)2, Inspira explains the reason for the delay in implementation is that it has created a joint venture entity with Acadia Healthcare, which was awarded 48 psychiatric beds by virtue of the Department’s approval of CN FR 17 0525-06-02, for the construction of a 153 bed free-standing psychiatric facility in Gloucester County. Also as required by N.J.A.C. 8:33-3.10(a)2, Inspira has provided a timeline for completion of the joint venture with Acadia Healthcare.

The Department has determined that this request for an extension is acceptable pursuant N.J.A.C. 8:33-3.10 as Inspira has provided a valid explanation for the need of an extension and has provided a timeline for implementation of the CN. Therefore, the time period to implement CN FR 17 0521-17-01 is now extended until May 31, 2021. However, if after this period the applicant requires an additional extension, a new ER CN application will be required to be submitted.

Please be advised that this approval is limited to the proposal as presented and reviewed. The Department's decision to approve this application is based solely on the facts, information and materials presented in the application. 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.

The Department looks forward to working with Inspira Medical Center – Elmer 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](mailto:Felicia.Harris@doh.nj.gov).

Sincerely,



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