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December 8, 2021

**Via First Class and Electronic Mail**

Anthony V. Cava  
President & CEO  
RWJUH- Somerset  
110 Rehill Ave.  
Somerville, NJ 08876

Re: CN ER#2017-0516;02 E/T  
Robert Wood Johnson University  
Hospital-Somerset  
License #11802  
Total Project Cost \$4,300,759  
Expiration date: June 20, 2023

Dear Mr. Cava:

Please be advised that the Department of Health (Department) is approving the extension of time Expedited Review Certificate of Need application for Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital- Somerset, (RWJUH-Somerset) dated July 29, 2020, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:33 -5.1(a)(6), for the establishment of 40 acute closed inpatient psychiatric beds to be located at the above address in Somerset County.

The initial CN full review (FR #17-0516-18-01) was approved on November 17, 2017 for a period of 2 years or November 17, 2019; the 40 adult closed acute care psychiatric beds were approved to meet the needs of Middlesex (24 beds), Morris (13 beds) and Hunterdon (3 beds) Counties. An application for an extension of time (CN# ER 2019-9153-18) submitted on September 18, 2019, was approved on June 15, 2020 for an expiration date of July 31, 2021.

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 approval total project cost as noted above.

RWJUH-Somerset reports that due to the impact of COVID-19 Pandemic and the state of emergency, original timeframes have been delayed and the facility was unable to implement for licensure the full complement of CN approved psychiatric beds. The Department notes that 12 of the beds obtained licensure on July 22, 2020 and the above extension of time is to complete the licensure process for the remaining 28 beds. You indicate that six beds, which received functional review approval in July 2020, are planned for licensure in late 2021; the

remaining 28 beds will follow implementation as the roll-out of coordinated primary care and behavioral health services to the community is expanded and evaluated for impact on future needs. RWJUH-Somerset is currently licensed to operate 30 adult open/involuntary beds and 12 adult closed/involuntary beds; however, at the project completion, the facility's total licensed bed capacity will be 30 adult open/voluntary psychiatric beds and 40 adult closed/involuntary psychiatric beds.

Please be 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 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. The Department offers no opinion as to whether the proposed ownership or business organization is in the Department has not undertaken an independent investigation of such information. If materials 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 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 to operate this facility. A survey by Department staff will be required prior to commencing services.

The Department looks forward to working with the applicant to provide high quality of care to the assisted living residents. If you have any questions concerning this Certificate of Need approval, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Kennedy, Executive Director, Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing at [michael.kennedy@doh.nj.gov](mailto:michael.kennedy@doh.nj.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin C. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "F".

Robin C. Ford, MS  
Deputy Commissioner  
Health Systems

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