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Mr. John Ryan
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9400 Zane Avenue
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Dear Mr. Ryan,

This letter is to provide formal notice that as of November 14, 2016 the Minnesota Department of Health has received the needed information to begin a public interest review, as required under Minnesota Statutes, Section 144.552. This is regarding the proposed exception to the hospital moratorium to add 21 psychiatric inpatient beds at 9400 Zane Avenue North in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

We anticipate completing the review within the 90 days allotted to this activity, and we will provide notification if circumstances require a longer period of time for review.

In order to complete this work we do ask that you provide several points of clarification by December 2, 2016 on information submitted as part of the public interest review application.

1. Describe the proposed distribution of additional hospital beds into patient populations of children ≤ 12 years of age and adolescent ≥ 13 years of age.
2. Share the source of information regarding the number of days with zero beds available.
3. Clarify your understanding of how the additional beds proposed would improve patient flow and experience in pediatric psychiatric care assuming no other changes in staffing and availability of community support.
4. Provide a complete description of the 'occurrence rate,' including what this metric uses as the numerator and denominator, in the letter dated October 14, 2016, and clarify how this translates to number of affected patients

If you have questions about this letter or the Public Interest Review process, please direct them to Stefan Gildemeister, Director of the Health Economics Program at 651-201-3554 or stefan.gildemeister@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,



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