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To whom it may concern –

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposal to build a new mental health hospital in St. Paul. We recognize the need for significant investment in our mental health continuum in Minnesota, in particular for those Minnesotans who do not need a hospital level of care, but who could successfully receive treatment in the community. We would like any expansion of inpatient beds to ensure Minnesotans on Medicaid receive access to these services, and there are not negative repercussions for surrounding providers that would further exacerbate existing mental health workforce shortages. We look forward to partnering with our colleagues across the health systems to address the mental health care needs of Minnesotans.

We offer the following recommendations of the new facility in question:

- Required access for acute cases regardless of payor
- Required 24/7 admissions, regardless of onsite Emergency Department/services
- Require reporting on:
 - Number of Medicaid Patients and Length of Stay
 - Patient level reporting of those denied admission and reasons for denial
 - Tracked by insurer
 - Specific tracking of patients deemed “too sick” for a particular level of care in order to assess if facilities are selecting less acute patients
 - Reporting of baseline percentage of Medicaid and Uncompensated Care patients across the whole organization/system to ensure a proportionate increase in MA/Uncompensated Care in relation to the increase in available mental health beds. This would help to ensure MA/Uncompensated Care patients are not being shift to other health systems.
 - CMS Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Quality Reporting Program (IPFQR) quality measures
- Allow for priority admittance for patients from certain health systems when experiencing issues such as low staffing.

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Thank you

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