DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Sent via electronic mail

Mr. Chester Crouch, Founder and President Nobis Rehabilitation Partners

Dear Mr. Crouch,

As you know, on March 20, 2023, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) issued a *State Register* notice to assess if another health care organization had a competing interest in the project for which you submitted a letter of intent to Commissioner Cunningham on January 30, 2023. In the 30 days since the posting, MDH has <u>not</u> received any responses to the notice.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 144.553, this letter is to notify you that if Nobis Rehabilitation Partners ('Nobis') remains interested in moving forward with the project, Nobis must submit a plan consistent with the requirements under Minnesota Statutes 144.552 for the purposes of MDH conducting a public interest review.

Guidance to submit plan, as well as previous plans and reviews are available online: <u>www.health.state.mn.us/data/economics/moratorium/</u>. For your convenience, we also enclosed a checklist for data that we require entities to submit as part of their plan for a proposed exception to the moratorium.

Should you have additional questions about the process, please contact Stefan Gildemeister, Health Economics Program Director, at 651-201-3554 or <u>stefan.gildemeister@state.mn.us</u>. You may also follow-up with Alisha Simon, who will directly manage the public interest review; Alisha can be reached at 651-201-3557 or <u>alisha.simon@state.mn.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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