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August 7, 2015

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This letter is to acknowledge that the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) received PrairieCare's application for a public interest review of your proposal to expand licensed hospital beds in Maple Grove, Minnesota. Upon an initial review of the application, we find that additional information listed below by review criteria is required before we can consider this application.

- *Whether the new hospital or hospital beds are needed to provide timely access to care or access to new or improved services.*
 - How many inpatient beds would be dedicated to the Minnesota Department of Human Services Continuing Care Benefit Program? If applicable, how will any additional beds be used?
 - What is the anticipated primary service area and how many admissions and patient days are expected at the proposed hospital? Please share with us any data or analysis used to estimate the need for the 14 to 16 bed capacity referenced in the application.
 - What specific services will be provided at the hospital, inpatient and outpatient for both child and adolescent patients?
 - What services will not be provided?
 - What diagnoses or groups of diagnoses do you plan to treat at this facility, and what will be excluded?
- *How the new hospital or hospital beds will affect the ability of existing hospitals in the region to maintain existing staff.*
 - What is the credentialed workforce needed to staff the proposed hospital?
- *The extent to which the new hospital or hospital beds will provide services to nonpaying or low-income patients relative to the level of services provided to these groups by existing hospitals in the region.*
 - What is the anticipated mix of payers for hospital services beyond the Continuing Care Benefit Program (e.g. percent of patients covered by Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare)?
 - What is your charity care policy for patients and families that may have difficulty paying hospital bills?

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Nathan Hierlmaier who can be reached at (651) 201-3541 or by email at Nathan.Hierlmaier@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stefan Gildemeister", written over a horizontal line.

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