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Mr. James McClean Regions Hospital 640 Jackson Street St. Paul, MN 55101

Transmitted via E-mail.

Dear Mr. McClean,

Thank you for responding to our request for additional information from February 28, 2018, regarding the Public Interest Review of the proposal to expand licensed beds at Regions Hospital by 100 beds.

We appreciate your detailed response to our request. In order to complete this work, we do ask that you provide an additional detail on two of our prior inquiries.

- 1. Please share Regions Direct data for diverted patients from 2013 through 2015.
- 2. Please provide a list of diagnosis related groups (DRGs) for hospital services unique to Regions as previously noted (i.e. trauma, burn units, and inpatient rehabilitation).
- 3. With regard to your response on page 20, please provide a list of the services that Regions Hospital offers despite their delivery not being profitable.

Although response to these remaining questions is critical to MDH conducting our review, we are providing formal notice with this letter that as of March 1, 2018 the Minnesota Department of Health has essentially received the needed information to begin a public interest review under Minnesota Statues, Section 144.552. We anticipate completing the review within the 90 days allotted to this activity.

If you have any questions about this letter or the Public Interest Review process, please direct them to Alisha Simon, at 651-201-3557 or <u>alisha.simon@state.mn.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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