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September 28, 2016

Mr. John Ryan  
General Counsel  
PrairieCare  
9400 Zane Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Ryan,

Upon initial review of your proposal to expand the number of licensed hospital beds in Brooklyn Park, we find that additional information is necessary to complete a public interest review. Please submit the following information at your earliest convenience via email. For non-public de-identified claims data, submit via secure FTP. Our staff is happy to provide instructions when you are ready to share the information.

- (1) Whether the new hospital beds are needed to provide timely access to care or access to new or improved services
  - Provide a count and percentage of current patients who you expect would be a candidate for a double occupancy room.
  - Provide de-identified claims information for inpatient services for the years 2014 and 2015 with the following data fields: de-identified unique number, date of admission, date of discharge, age at admission, gender, resident ZIP code, principal diagnosis (ICD-9-CM), any secondary diagnoses (up to 10; ICD-9-CM), discharge disposition, total charges, and expected primary payer.
    - Confirm in writing that MDH may also use de-identified claims data from 2012 and 2013 provided by PrairieCare on September 23, 2015, and that there are no substantial changes to these data.
    - If possible, indicate discharges for a double occupancy room.
- (2) The financial and staffing impact of the new hospital beds on existing acute-care hospitals with comparable services.
  - PrairieCare currently operates outpatient programs in Minnesota. Please provide information on the percentage of patients referred for hospitalization from these programs to non-PrairieCare facilities, independent of whether hospital capacity was available at PrairieCare.
- (3) 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

- Submit the following items consistent with definitions in the Minnesota Hospital Annual Report Financial, Utilization, and Services Data<sup>1</sup> for most recent available fiscal year:
  - Total operating expenses,
  - Net patient revenue and total other operating revenue,
  - Total charges for patient care,
  - Total charges for state coverage (Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare, and PMAP),
  - Adjustments for state coverage (Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare, and PMAP),
  - Adjustments for charity care, and
  - Provision of bad debts.
- Submit the current charity care or community benefit policy.

(4) Other information

- Submit a copy of PrairieCare's written policy, if available, with assessment protocols to determine the placement of patients in a double-occupancy room including which aspects of history and/or symptoms would preclude placement and the reassessment process while in treatment.
- Make available the written policy for how parents may or may not have the opportunity to object to double-occupancy stays and in what way it will be communicated and recorded.
- Share any background information detailing the possible impact on patient outcomes and experience, both positive and negative, of using double-occupancy rooms as opposed to single-occupancy rooms. Also provide any comments or documentation regarding outreach to families about this possible change or about your experience with double occupancy rooms at PrairieCare Maple Grove.
- Describe how the identified single-occupancy rooms to be converted to double-occupancy comply with any state, federal, and industry standards for inpatient psychiatric care.

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](mailto:stefan.gildemeister@state.mn.us). Information about MDH secure FTP process can be obtained by contacting Nathan Hierlmaier at [nathan.hierlmaier@state.mn.us](mailto:nathan.hierlmaier@state.mn.us) or 651-201-3541.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpsc/dap/hccis/har.htm#hospital>