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Hospital Administrator  
Hospital  
Address  
City, MN ZIP

*Transmitted via email*

September 24, 2021

Dear Hospital Administrator,

As you may be aware, the 2021 Minnesota Legislature adopted two exceptions to the Minnesota hospital moratorium in Minnesota 2021 Session Laws, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session Chapter 7 Article 3, Section 30, Subdivision 1, (30). In adopting the exceptions, the Legislature did not waive requirements in Minnesota Statutes 144.552 for the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to conduct a public interest review.

The purpose of this letter is to seek feedback from Minnesota hospitals as part of our review on one of the two plans, namely, to add 30 licensed beds at **PrairieCare Brooklyn Park Hospital**. This plan would increase the number of beds from 71 to 101 beds at the existing inpatient psychiatric hospital for children and adolescents.

In conducting our review, MDH considers a range of relevant factors, including the following specific issues:

- Whether the new beds are needed to provide timely access to care;
- The financial impact of the new hospital beds on existing acute care hospitals;
- How new hospital beds would affect the ability of existing hospitals to maintain staff; and
- The extent to which the hospital beds will provide services to nonpaying or low-income patients.

We appreciate receiving any comments that address the factors identified above and others that you may consider relevant in the review. We particularly welcome any remarks on the provision of mental health services throughout Minnesota as it relates to care for children and adolescents, and would like to hear how this specific inpatient capacity increase fits into the changing landscape of care to treat mental illness in the state.

The PrairieCare Brooklyn Park Hospital proposal, as well as correspondence and feedback to date, is available online for your consideration:

[www.health.state.mn.us/data/economics/moratorium/prairiecarebrooklynpark2021/](http://www.health.state.mn.us/data/economics/moratorium/prairiecarebrooklynpark2021/).

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Please send comments on this proposal by **November 4, 2021** to Alisha Simon via email at [health.pir@state.mn.us](mailto:health.pir@state.mn.us) or by postal mail to:

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If you prefer, you may also contact me directly at 651-201-3554 or [stefan.gildemeister@state.mn.us](mailto:stefan.gildemeister@state.mn.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stefan Gildemeister', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Stefan Gildemeister

Director, Health Economics Program

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