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## **VIA U.S. FIRST CLASS & ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Amy B. Mansue President and CEO Inspira Health Network 501 West Front Street Elmer, New Jersey 08318

Re: Inspira Medical Center Elmer

CN #2021-06250-17;01 Prior CN #2019-9140-17

Original CN # FR-17 0521-17-01

Extension of time

Expiration date: June 30, 2023

Dear Ms. Mansue:

The New Jersey Department of Health (Department) is approving the certificate of need (CN) application for an extension of time for the above-referenced facility to add 14 adult acute care psychiatric beds, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:33-5.1(a)6. This CN was originally approved on November 17, 2017 and an initial extension was approved on March 17, 2020. This final extension of time is approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:33-3.10 and will expire on June 30, 2023.

Please be advised that this will be the final extension of time approved by the Department for implementation of these adult psychiatric beds. If these awarded beds are not ready for occupancy and inspection by the Department by June 30, 2023, the hospital will forfeit the ability to seek licensure of these beds.

Please also be advised that this approval is limited to the proposal as presented and reviewed. An additional review by the Department may be necessary if there is any change in scope as defined in N.J.A.C. 8:33-3.9. However, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:33-3.9(a) 1-3, a change of cost of an approval certificate of need is exempt from certificate of need review but subject to the following:

- The applicant shall file a signed certification as to the final total project cost expended for the project at the time of the application for licensure for the beds/services with the Office of Certificate of Need and Licensing.
- 2. Where the actual cost project cost exceeds the certificate of need approved total project cost and is greater than \$1,000,000, the applicant shall remit the additional certificate of need application fee due to the Office of Certificate of Need Licensing. The required additional fee shall be 0.25 percent of the total project cost in excess of the certificate of need approved total project cost
- 3. The Department shall not issue a license for the beds/services until the additional fee is remitted in full.

This approval is not intended to preempt in any way any municipality's authority to regulate land use within its borders and shall not be used by the applicant to represent that the Department has made any findings or determination relative to the use of any specific property. Please be advised that services may not commence until such time as a license has been issued by the Office of Certificate of Need and Licensing.

Any approval granted by this Department relates to certificate of need and/or licensing only and does not imply acceptance by a reimbursing entity. Issues involving reimbursement are solely between the facility and third-party payer. The Department is neither a party to such matters nor an arbiter of disputes between parties.

The Department's decision to approve this application is based solely on the facts and information presented in the application. The Department offers no opinion as to whether the proposed ownership or business organization is in compliance with the Codey Act, the Board of Medical Examiners' administrative rules, the federal anti-referral (Stark) laws, and the federal anti-kickback laws. The Department has not undertaken an independent investigation of such information. The Department, in approving this application, has relied solely on the facts and information presented in the submitted materials. If material facts have not been disclosed or have been misrepresented, the Department may take administrative regulatory action to rescind the approval or refer the matter to the Office of the New Jersey Attorney General.

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If there are any questions concerning this letter, please contact Michael Kennedy, Executive Director, Division of Certificate of Need and Licensing at Michael.Kennedy@doh.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

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