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Re: Withdrawal of Hospital Conversion Application and Change in Effective Control Application

Dear Michael, Elizabeth and Jessica:

Please be advised that Partners HealthCare System, Inc. ("Partners") has terminated, effective immediately, the Agreement for Affiliation and Integration dated as of May 23, 2018 with Care New England Health System ("CNE").

Accordingly, Partners, Brigham Health ("Brigham") and CNE hereby withdraw, effective immediately, the Hospital Conversion Expedited Review Initial Application, dated December 17, 2018, filed with the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") and the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General ("RIAG"); and Brigham hereby withdraws, effective immediately, the Change In Effective Control Application, dated January 30, 2019, filed with RIDOH.







In view of the foregoing, please promptly direct all of the consultants that you have retained to review the above-referenced applications to cease all work on these applications immediately. Partners recognizes that it may take a day or so for this notification process to occur and for the consultants to close out their files, and therefore Partners will authorize the escrow agent (under the Escrow Agreements with RIDOH and RIAG, both dated as of January 7, 2019) to pay outstanding consulting fees and expenses incurred through the close of business on June 6, 2019. Upon payment of such consultant fees and expenses, Partners will prepare appropriate documentation for termination of the two Escrow Agreements and authorization for the return to Partners of any remaining balances in the escrow accounts.

Thank you for your assistance throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Cvnthia J. Warren

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