



April 24, 2019

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Re: Brigham Health Hospital Conversion and Change in Effective Control Applications

Dear Attorney Petros:

We write in response to your letter dated April 5, 2019 and two letters dated March 20, 2019 and April 11, 2019 submitted by legal counsel for Rhode Island Hospital ("RIH") regarding site control of Women & Infants Hospital ("WIH"). These letters make clear that there are significant unresolved issues as they relate to the terms of the November 1983 ground lease agreement between WIH and RIH.

Upon extensive review of the letters and related laws, regulations, and departmental practices, the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") and the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General ("RIAG") have determined that we will continue to review the submitted applications for completeness. We urge CNE and Lifespan to resolve the question of site control forthwith.

Finally, please be advised that this letter is not a substitute for any questions that you may receive from us as we proceed with the completeness review of the HCA and CEC applications.

We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael K. Dexter in blue ink.

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Handwritten signature of Jessica Rider in blue ink, with the initials "MRL" circled in blue.

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