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AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

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August 1, 2024

Mr. Shawn Tester, CEO
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital
1315 Hospital Drive
Saint Johnsbury, VT 05819-9758

Dear Mr. Tester:

The Division of Licensing and Protection completed a survey at your facility on **July 23, 2024**. The purpose of the survey was to determine if your facility met the conditions of participation for Critical Access Hospitals found in 42 CFR Part 485, Subpart F including the special requirements for swing bed providers. This survey found that your facility was in substantial compliance with the participation requirements.

Please **sign the enclosed CMS-2567 and return** to this office by **August 11, 2024**.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Leavitt, RN, MS
State Survey Agency Director
Assistant Director, Division of Licensing & Protection

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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED
	471303	A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____	C 07/23/2024

NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER	STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
NORTHEASTERN VERMONT REGIONAL HOSPITAL	**1315 HOSPITAL DRIVE SAINT JOHNSBURY, VT 05819**

(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)	ID PREFIX TAG	PROVIDER'S PLAN OF CORRECTION (EACH CORRECTIVE ACTION SHOULD BE CROSS-REFERENCED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEFICIENCY)	(X5) COMPLETION DATE
C 000	INITIAL COMMENTS An unannounced on-site investigation of complaint #23154 was conducted on 7/22/24 - 7/23/24 by the Division of Licensing and Protection. The complaint was authorized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to determine the Critical Access Hospital's compliance with Sections of 1866 and 1867 of the Social Security Act and the related regulations at 42.CFR 489.24, Responsibilities of Medicare Participating Hospitals in Emergency Cases (EMTALA requirements). The allegations of non-compliance with the EMTALA requirements were not substantiated.	C 000		

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE | TITLE | (X6) DATE

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients . (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.