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By E-mail

Elizabeth Sellman
President and Chief Operating Officer
Mount Sinai Beth Israel
281 First Avenue
New York, NY 10003

Dear Ms. Sellman:

After careful and extensive review of the closure plan, the New York State Department of Health approves the Mt. Sinai Beth Israel Hospital closure plan submitted May 23, 2024,¹ effective when Mt. Sinai Beth Israel Hospital agrees to the following conditions and has demonstrated compliance (for Condition 2, below, active steps to comply) to the Department's satisfaction:

1. Ensure updated transfer agreements, including those related to behavioral health patients, are in place between the main hospitals in the catchment area and the Mount Sinai Behavioral Health Center, and finalize the agreement discussed in the closure plan with Bellevue Hospital.
2. Operate an Article 28 Urgent Care Center starting the day Beth Israel Hospital closes that will serve public pay, insured, and uninsured patients, offer diagnostic imaging services, and provide sufficient coverage to meet the demand, including coverage after normal business hours during evenings, weekends, and holidays.
 - a. Provide 24-hour, 7-days per week urgent care coverage for the first 3 months of operation and assess utilization for potential ongoing needs beyond usual hours thereafter.
 - b. Provide monthly reports to the Department for the first 3 months, and quarterly thereafter, for the first two years of operation on facility hours, services offered, patient volume, peak- and low-volume times of operation, and patient/community feedback.
 - c. Communicate these Urgent Care Center services to Mt Sinai's current patients and the local community.
3. Where possible, extend services of Mt Sinai's nationally recognized Hospital-at-Home program, virtual care options, and surrounding outpatient practices and urgent care

¹ Inclusive of subsequent, supplemental communications between the State Department of Health and Mt. Sinai Beth Israel Hospital.



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centers to patients in the Mount Sinai Beth Israel catchment area and communicate these enhanced services with your current patients and the local community.

4. Staff an appropriate number of beds at the Mount Sinai Behavioral Health Center on Rivington Street to help balance loads at the other hospitals when patients present to these other hospitals in the Beth Israel catchment area.
 - a. Ensure that the Mount Sinai Behavioral Health Center is reporting to Hospital Capacity Direct Access, as are all other Mount Sinai Hospitals.
5. Working with the Fire Department of New York, ensure the availability of EMS services to deliver access to emergency care in the zip codes of the Mt Sinai Beth Israel Hospital footprint.

The Department expects Mt. Sinai will ensure the safety of its patients and timely access to continued care during this process. Please indicate your acceptance of these conditions by signing below and returning a copy to me at Douglas.Fish@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Douglas G. Fish, M.D.
Deputy Commissioner
Office of Primary Care and Health Systems Management

Dated: New York, New York
_____, 2024

Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital
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