

Media Advisory

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Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health and CMC Healthcare System have today made two filings with regard to their proposed affiliation and the report by the New Hampshire Attorney General of May 21st.

- 1) A Petition in the Hillsborough County Probate Court responding to the Attorney General's request that Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health and Catholic Medical Center seek that Court's approval for the proposed affiliation.
- 2) A New Hampshire Supreme Court filing appealing the Attorney General's objections of May 21st and asking for the objections to be reversed. This filing is being made today to meet a Supreme Court deadline for appeals and will be suspended during the Probate Court proceedings.

While the Attorney General concluded that the parties met most of the standards in the Change of Control Law – and in fact determined that the affiliation was consistent with the charitable purposes of both Catholic Medical Center and Dartmouth-Hitchcock –he did identify some technical aspects of the affiliation agreement that would require Probate Court review to ensure compliance with New Hampshire law.

Those areas include changes to the administrative structure of a charitable organization, a common occurrence in non-profit systems; appropriate safeguards for determining future surplus; and whether the parties have given sufficient information and examples of how this affiliation is in the best interests of the greater Manchester community.

This proposed affiliation has been subjected to an unprecedented review. Both of our respective organizations have sought to answer every question openly and transparently throughout the regulatory process, and we will continue to do so as we move through Probate Court.

We remain confident that the affiliation will be approved and that Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Catholic Medical Center will be able to deliver on our shared commitment to integrated care with expanded access to health care services for the people of greater Manchester.