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BY EMAIL ONLY

**Re: Discontinuation of Endoscopy Procedures – HealthAlliance-Clinton,
Clinton Campus**

Dear Attorney Bloom:

On January 19, 2018 the Department of Public Health ("Department") received information from you on behalf of HealthAlliance-Clinton ("Hospital") regarding its intent to discontinue performing endoscopic procedures at its Clinton Campus, effective January 26, 2018.

In addition, on January 19, 2018, you noted that the Hospital is not discontinuing its Ambulatory Care Service in substantial part, and is seeking confirmation from the Department that the process set forth at 105 CMR 130.122(B) is not required.

While staff at the Hospital have routinely referred to endoscopy procedures as the "GI Service", these procedures are not a separately licensed service under 105 CMR 130.020 and therefore, after careful consideration, the Department has determined that pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122(B), the discontinuance of endoscopic procedures at the Hospital's Clinton Campus does not constitute discontinuance in the entirety or in substantial part of its Ambulatory Care Service. Therefore, the provisions for public notice, hearing, and subsequent determinations, planning and reporting by the Department and Hospital are not applicable.

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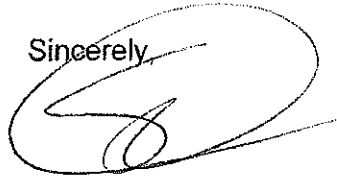
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The Hospital may proceed with its plans to cease performing endoscopy procedures at its Clinton Campus.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (617) 753-8134.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Davis', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Stephen Davis
Licensure Unit Manager

CC: Facility File