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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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President and CEO  
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Dear Drs. Fanale and Torchiana:

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) has received the request of the Care New England Health System and Partners Healthcare to process the conversion of Care New England as an expedited review, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17.14-12.1.

RIDOH has reviewed and considered the materials submitted in your letters dated August 8, 2018, September 5, 2018, and September 20, 2018. Based on the information provided therein, RIDOH has determined that Care New England operates one or more distressed Rhode Island hospitals and hereby grants this request for expedited review.

Please contact Michael Dexter at 401-222-2788 for any additional application requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Alexander-Scott".

Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH  
Director of Health

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