



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
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HUMAN SERVICES**

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**RESPONSE REQUIRED**

November 27, 2018

Mr. Jeffrey Shovelin  
P.O. Box 6028  
Greenville, NC 27835

**Conditional Approval**

Project ID #: Q-11562-18  
Facility: Vidant Medical Center  
Project Description: Develop one new Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Procedure Room for a total of five at the medical center  
County: Pitt  
FID #: 933410

Dear Mr. Shovelin:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) has conditionally approved the above referenced certificate of need application. This decision was made after a review of the applications submitted for this cycle and after consideration of the Certificate of Need Law, N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-175 et. seq. and regulations promulgated there under, the State Medical Facilities Plan, and other applicable information. Attached to this letter are the required findings made with respect to your application. The applicant shall not proceed with the construction, offering or development of this project until the certificate of need is issued. Further, the Agency shall not issue the certificate of need until all applicable conditions of approval have been met pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-187(a). The conditions are as follows:

- 1. Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Vidant Medical Center shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application.**
- 2. Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Vidant Medical Center shall develop one new gastrointestinal endoscopy procedure room for a total of five at the medical center.**
- 3. Upon completion of the project, Vidant Medical Center shall be licensed for no more than five gastrointestinal endoscopy procedure rooms.**

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HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

LOCATION: 809 Ruggles Drive, Edgerton Building, Raleigh, NC 27603  
MAILING ADDRESS: 2701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2701  
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4. **Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Vidant Medical Center shall not acquire as part of this project any equipment that is not included in the project's proposed capital expenditures in Section Q of the application and that would otherwise require a certificate of need.**
5. **For the first three years of operation following completion of the project, Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Vidant Medical Center shall not increase charges more than 5% of the charges projected in Section Q of the application without first obtaining a determination from the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section that the proposed increase is in material compliance with the representations in the certificate of need application.**
6. **The procedure room shall not be used for procedures that should be performed only in a gastrointestinal endoscopy procedure room based on current standards of practice.**
7. **Procedures performed in the procedure room shall not be reported for billing purposes as having been performed in a gastrointestinal endoscopy room and shall not be reported on the facility's license renewal application as procedures performed in a gastrointestinal endoscopy room.**
8. **No later than three months after the last day of each of the first three full years of operation following initiation of the services authorized by this certificate of need, Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Vidant Medical Center shall submit, on the form provided by the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, an annual report containing the:**
  - a. **Payor mix for the services authorized in this certificate of need.**
  - b. **Utilization of the services authorized in this certificate of need.**
  - c. **Revenues and operating costs for the services authorized in this certificate of need.**
  - d. **Average gross revenue per unit of service.**
  - e. **Average net revenue per unit of service.**
  - f. **Average operating cost per unit of service.**
9. **Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Vidant Medical Center shall acknowledge acceptance of and agree to comply with all conditions stated herein to the Agency in writing prior to issuance of the certificate of need.**

**Response to the above conditions should be submitted to the Agency no later than 35 days from the date of the decision. Failure to respond within this time period may result in the Agency making a determination not to issue a certificate of need for the project referenced above.**

The conditional approval is valid only for a capital expenditure of **\$1,289,500**. If a cost overrun occurs that exceeds the approved capital expenditure amount, a new certificate of need may be required as determined by N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-176(16)(e).

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Sincerely,

  
Jane Rhoe-Jones  
Project Analyst

  
Gloria C. Hale  
Team Leader

Attachment

cc: Acute & Home Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR  
Melinda Boyette, Administrative Assistant, Healthcare Planning, DHSR  
Construction Section, DHSR

The applicant should be aware that according to the Certificate of Need law any affected person shall have thirty (30) days after the date of decision to file a petition for a contested case on this approval. Further, if you are aggrieved by the conditions of the decision you may file a petition for a contested case hearing in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B, Article 3, as amended. This petition must be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-6714 within thirty (30) days of the date of this decision. [Note: Effective October 1, 2009, OAH requires a filing fee with submittal of petitions for contested cases. Please direct all questions regarding this fee to OAH Clerk's Office (919-431-3000).]

N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-23 provides that a party filing a petition must also serve a copy of the petition on all parties to the petition. Therefore, if you file a petition for a contested case hearing, you must serve a copy of the petition on the Department of Health and Human Services by mailing a copy of your petition to:

Lisa G. Corbett  
Department of Health and Human Services,  
Office of Legal Affairs,  
Adams Building – Room 154  
2001 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-2001

It is requested that a copy of the petition also be served on the Agency.

The certificate of need will not be issued before the completion of this 30 day period ending December 27, 2018. If a contested case request is received within the thirty (30) day period, the certificate will not be issued until the appeal is resolved (10A NCAC 14C .0208).

The timetable for completion of the project is the timetable outlined in the certificate of need application, unless an adjustment has been made by the Agency because the review period was extended. The timetable for this project is as follows:

1. 50% of Construction/Renovation Completed \_\_\_\_\_ June 28, 2019
2. Construction/Renovation Completed \_\_\_\_\_ October 28, 2019
3. Licensure Obtained \_\_\_\_\_ November 20, 2019
4. Services Offered \_\_\_\_\_ November 28, 2019
5. Facility or Service Accredited \_\_\_\_\_ November 28, 2019
6. Final Annual Report Due \_\_\_\_\_ February 27, 2023

If the decision is appealed, the timetable set forth in this letter will be adjusted accordingly before the Certificate of Need is issued. Please contact this office if any clarification of this decision is required.

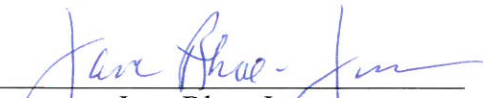
Please refer to the Project ID # and Facility ID # (FID) in all correspondence.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing notice of **conditional approval** on the following person by placing a copy in an official depository of the United States Postal Service in a postage-paid, first class envelope addressed as follows:

Mr. Jeffrey Shovelin  
P.O. Box 6028  
Greenville, NC 27835

This the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

  
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Jane Rhoe-Jones  
Project Analyst, Certificate of Need

