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Hospitals, ambulatory surgery center proposed for Hoke County

RALEIGH – Two area health care providers have filed three competing applications with the Certificate of Need (CON) Section of the N.C. Division of Health Service Regulation to develop new hospitals and an ambulatory surgery center in Hoke County.

A public hearing for these projects will be conducted by the CON Section on June 14, at 1 p.m. at the L. E. McLaughlin Building, Senior Center Hall, 423 Central Ave., Raeford. Pre-registration for people who would like to speak during the public comment portion of the hearing will begin at 12:30 p.m.

A brief description of each proposed project follows:

- Hoke Healthcare, LLC, a subsidiary of Cumberland County Hospital System, proposes to construct a new hospital, Hoke Community Medical Center, with 41 acute care beds, nine observation beds, and two operating rooms on U.S. Highway 401 in Hoke County. In addition to inpatient acute care services, the proposed hospital would offer obstetrical services, surgical services, 24-hour emergency services, diagnostic imaging, laboratory, and pharmacy services. The projected cost of the new hospital is \$92 million, and the project is scheduled to be completed in October 2013.
- FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital proposes to construct a new hospital, FirstHealth Hoke Community Hospital, with eight acute care beds, four observation beds, and one operating room on U.S. Highway 401 in Hoke County. In addition to inpatient acute care services, the proposed hospital would offer surgical services, 24-hour emergency services, diagnostic imaging, laboratory, and pharmacy services. The projected cost of the new hospital is \$34.1 million, and the project is scheduled to be completed in October 2012.
- Surgery Center of Hoke, LLC, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc., and Surgery Center of Pinehurst, LLC propose to construct an ambulatory surgery center on the campus of the proposed FirstHealth Hoke Community Hospital on U.S. Highway 401 in Hoke County. The proposed ambulatory surgical facility will include two operating rooms to be relocated from Surgery Center of Pinehurst in Moore County. The projected cost of the new ambulatory surgical facility is \$2.4 million, and the project is scheduled to be completed in October 2012.

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Anyone may file written comments concerning these proposals. Comments must be received by the Certificate of Need Section no later than June 1 at the following address:

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