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August 20, 2012

Ms. Elizabeth V. Kirkman Director, CHS Management Company P.O. Box 32861 Charlotte, NC 28232-2861

RE: Exempt from Review / Anson Healthcare, Inc. d/b/a Anson Community Hospital. / Upgrade hospital's existing core information system / Anson County

Dear Ms. Kirkman:

In response to your letter of May 24, 2012, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C.G.S 131E-184(a)(3). Therefore, Anson Healthcare, Inc. d/b/a Anson Community Hospital may proceed to acquire the above referenced upgrade to the hospital's existing core information system without first obtaining a certificate of need.

It should be noted that this Agency's position is based solely on the facts represented by you and that any change in facts as represented would require further consideration by this Agency and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

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May 24, 2012

Mr. Craig R. Smith
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RE: Exemption Request for Anson Healthcare, Inc. d/b/a Anson Community Hospital to upgrade its existing core information system

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter serves as notification of Carolinas-Anson Healthcare, Inc. d/b/a Anson Community Hospital's intent to upgrade its existing core information system standard applications, infrastructure, hardware and services to ensure compatibility, consistency and quality of care. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 131 E-184 (a)(3), this project is exempt from certificate of need review. Anson Community Hospital is implementing this upgrade in accordance with the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program. The core information system upgrade includes the following components:

## 1. Applications

- Electronic medical records, computerized physician order entry, medication administration, employee health and payroll, registration and scheduling, decision support, medical records, lab specimen management, operating room management, materials management, radiology and imaging, electronic dictation and pharmacy.
- 2. Hardware

- Desktop and laptop computers, exam room wall-units and computers, laser, label, registration, and multi-function printers, scanners for registration, medication administration, medical records, nursing carts, imaging stations, nurse call and code blue systems and biomedical devices.
- Network and telephone infrastructure and application hosting servers to support technology requirements.
- Tracking monitors, GPS clocks, radio equipment for State, County and EMS communications and telemedicine.
- IS security including virus and spam protection, web-filtering, secure remote access, encryption, virtual private networks and secure mail.

## 3. Services

- Data conversion and consulting.
- HIPAA training and education.

The new hardware and software will be installed during the second quarter of 2013. The estimated total capital cost of this project is \$4.2 million.

Based upon the project as described above and pursuant to N.C.G.S. 131E-184(a)(3), this letter serves as notification of our intent to proceed with this project. We would appreciate your written concurrence that this project is exempt from certificate of need review. If you have any questions or require further information regarding this project, please contact me at 704-446-8475.

Sincerely, Mysbeth V. Kuknan

Elizabeth V. Kirkman

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