



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Health Service Regulation
Office of the Director

2701 Mail Service Center • Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2701
<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/>

Pat McCrory
Governor

Aldona Z. Wos, M.D.
Ambassador (Ret.)
Secretary DHHS

Drexdal Pratt, Director
Phone: 919-855-3750
Fax: 919-733-2757

April 24, 2013

Catharine W. Cummer, Regulatory Counsel, Strategic Planning
Duke University Health System
3100 Tower Blvd, Suite 1300
Durham NC 27707

Exempt from Review - Replacement Equipment

Facility: Duke University Health System
Project Description: Fleet replacement of patient physiologic monitors
County: Durham
FID #: 943138

Dear Ms. Cummer:

In response to your letter of April 8, 2013, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C.G.S 131E-184(a)(7). Therefore, you may proceed to acquire, without a certificate of need, the new patient physiologic monitors to replace the existing patient physiologic monitors.

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,

Michael J. McKillip
Project Analyst

Craig R. Smith, Chief
Certificate of Need Section





Duke University Health System

Catharine W. Cummer
Regulatory Counsel, Strategic Planning

*Duke
Exemption*

April 8, 2013

Via Electronic Mail

Michael J. McKillip, Project Analyst
Certificate of Need Section
Division of Health Service Regulation
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

Re: Fleet replacement of patient physiologic monitors

Dear Mr. McKillip:

I am writing to notify the CON Section of the acquisition by Duke University Health System of new patient physiologic monitors to be used throughout Duke University Hospital, Durham Regional Hospital, Duke Raleigh Hospital, and Davis Ambulatory Surgery Center. This will not entail any construction or the acquisition of any major medical equipment; it is simply a replacement of Duke's fleet of monitors in its various facilities to ensure optimal patient care.


In a series of phased acquisitions, Duke will acquire a total of 441 monitors for Durham Regional Hospital and Davis Ambulatory Surgery Center, 2163 for Duke University Hospital, and 340 monitors for Duke Raleigh Hospital to replace existing monitors currently in use. The average price per monitor is less than \$20,000. The acquisition of monitors for each unit within each facility could be pursued separately and is not required to make the remaining monitors operational or usable.

It is our understanding that this project does not require a certificate of need, as each monitor to be acquired is well under the capital cost threshold for major medical equipment. In addition, the monitors can be considered data processing equipment that would be exempt from certificate of need review. We would appreciate it if you could confirm our understanding.

Michael J. McKillip
April 8, 2013

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this acquisition further, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catharine W. Cummer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Catharine W. Cummer