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August 26, 2013

Jim Swann, Director of Market Development Fresenius Medical Care 3725 National Drive, Suite 206 Raleigh, NC 27612

No Review

Facility or Business: BMA Kinston

Project Description: Offer home peritoneal dialysis and home hemodialysis training and

support services

County:

Lenoir

FID #:

944593

Dear Mr. Swann:

The Certificate of Need Section (CON Section) received your letter of August 12, 2013 regarding the above referenced proposal. Based on the CON law in effect on the date of this response to your request, the proposal described in your correspondence is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need provided that the offering of home hemodialysis training and support services does not result in the development of certified dialysis stations that are in addition to the 39 certified stations authorized in the scope of the certificate of need issued for Project ID# P-6238-00. However, please note that if the CON law is subsequently amended such that the above referenced proposal would require a certificate of need, this determination does not authorize you to proceed to develop the above referenced proposal when the new law becomes effective.

Further, it should be noted that the Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section is responsible for counting the number of dialysis stations developed in a facility as part of their survey process. It is our understanding that the surveyors count the total number of stations located in the facility not the number of stations in use in the facility at any given time.

At this time, the CON Section authorizes Bio-Medical Applications of North Carolina d/b/a BMA Kinston to offer home peritoneal dialysis and home hemodialysis training and support services without an increase in the number of certified stations.



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In other words, the total number of "stations" (i.e. home hemodialysis training and home peritoneal training plus hemodialysis) reported on line 22 of Form CMS-3427 may not exceed 39 dialysis stations, the total number of stations that is authorized in the scope of the certificate of need for Project ID# P-6238-00.

Moreover, you need to contact the Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section of the Division of Health Service Regulation to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

Please contact the CON Section if you have any questions. Also, in all future correspondence you should reference the Facility I.D. # (FID) if the facility is licensed.

Sincerely,

Jane Rhoe-Jones, Project Analyst

Martha J. Frudono for Craig R. Smith, Chief

Certificate of Need Section

c: Medical Facilities Planning Section, DHSR Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR



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Mr. Craig R. Smith, Chief Certificate of Need Section Division of Health Service Regulation 809 Ruggles Drive Raleigh, NC 27603

Re:

Request for No Review Determination, BMA Kinston, Add Home Peritoneal Dialysis and Home Hemo-dialysis training and support / Lenoir County

FID # 944593

Dear Mr. Smith:

BMA is requesting a No Review Determination by the Certificate of Need Section which will allow the BMA Kinston facility to add home therapies to its service offerings. As you are probably aware, the number of patients in our state choosing home dialysis is increasing. More and more patients are choosing home dialysis. Fresenius Medical Care is committed to offering patients a choice of dialysis modalities.

BMA Kinston seeks to add home dialysis therapies for both Peritoneal Dialysis, (PD), and home hemo-dialysis to its service offerings. BMA Kinston is currently certified as a 39 station dialysis facility, providing in-center dialysis services only.

BMA Kinston will dedicate one of its 39 dialysis stations exclusively to the provision of home hemo-dialysis training and support. The facility will convert existing office space into a home training room dedicated to the provision of home hemo-dialysis. Additionally, the facility will refresh two other offices which were previously used for home training, and provide peritoneal dialysis training and support from these offices.

The facility will continue to offer in-center dialysis through the remaining 38 dialysis stations. This change will not adversely impact the patient population of the facility. The July 2013 SDR reports that the facility utilization was 66.67%. The facility will continue to have ample capacity for additional in-center dialysis patients.

BMA requests an expedited review and approval of this request. We have patients waiting to begin training at BMA Kinston. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Swann

Director of Operations, Certificate of Need