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Exempt from Review

Facility: UNC Health Care System
Project Description: Acquire Data Processing Equipment
County: Orange
FID #: 923517


Dear Ms. Zerman:


In response to your letter of December 27, 2012, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C.G.S 131E-184(a)(3). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented by you. Consequently, if changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in your correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by the Certificate of Need Section. Changes in a project include, but are not limited to: (1) increases in the capital cost; (2) acquisition of medical equipment not included in the original cost estimate; (3) modifications in the design of the project; (4) change in location; and (5) any increase in the number of square feet to be constructed.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,


Gene DePorter
Project Analyst


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December 20, 2012

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RE: Request for a Determination of Exempt from Review / Integrated Enterprise-wide Information System / UNC Health Care System

Dear Mr. DePorter:

The UNC Health Care System is planning to acquire and implement an enterprise-wide information system platform for all entities within the UNC Health Care system. This acquisition is required to allow the UNC Health Care System to create an integrated electronic medical record across each of its entities. Currently, the entities use a collection of information systems that, by and large, serve users' individual automation needs rather well. However, these information systems in many cases are disconnected, separate systems that can impact the patient experience and care.

Implementation of an enterprise-wide system will allow for the exchange of patient data and coordination of care across all settings in a unified manner, where there is one patient identification account, one problem list, one medication list and one bill. Thus, the goal is to create an enterprise-wide, integrated financial and clinical information system, accessible by each entity.

In addition to all entities utilizing the same patient record, this implementation will allow the UNC Health Care System to respond to the federal regulatory timelines and the anticipated evolution of the current care delivery and payment systems. These goals cannot be accomplished in a timely manner with the existing systems.

The UNC Health Care System is requesting confirmation that the acquisition and implementation of this enterprise-wide electronic medical record system is exempt from review pursuant to G.S. 131E-184(a)(3). G.S. 131E-184(a)(3) allows for the CON Section to exempt from CON review the acquisition of a new institutional health, if it receives prior written notice from the entity proposing the new institutional health service, to provide data processing equipment. While the total project cost is not yet finalized, the cost will exceed the \$2 million CON threshold. Full implementation of the project will require several years and the purchase of software and hardware.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 919-966-1129 if you need any additional information. Thank you for consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


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