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June 1, 2016

Daniel J. Porter, Chief Financial Officer  
J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital  
924 North Howe Street  
Southport, NC 28461

**No Review**

**Record #:** 1954  
**Facility Name:** J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital  
**FID #:** 923286  
**Project Description:** Obtain a separate license for the existing nursing facility beds which are currently licensed as part of the hospital  
**County:** Brunswick

Dear Mr. Porter:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your letter of May 9, 2016 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. 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.

However, you need to contact the Agency's Nursing Home Licensure and Certification Section to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented in your correspondence. 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 this office. 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.



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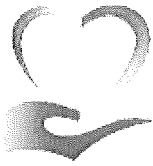
Please contact this office if you have any questions. Also, in all future correspondence you should reference the Facility ID # (FID) if the facility is licensed.

Sincerely,



Martha J. Frisone,  
Assistant Chief, Certificate of Need

cc: Construction Section, DHSR  
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May 9, 2016

Ms. Martha Frisone  
Assistant Chief for Certificate of Need  
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RE: Change of Ownership, 64 Nursing Home beds, J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital, Southport,  
Brunswick County, Facility ID923286

Dear Ms. Frisone,

Pursuant to your letter of April 14, 2016, Smithfield Township (dba, J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital), has begun work to separate the nursing home beds from the hospital and intends to transfer ownership to Liberty Healthcare Nursing Properties of Brunswick County, LLC. The transfer will occur when the license separation is complete. Following the transfer of ownership, the beds will operate under the name Southport Nursing Center.

Please consider this the required notification of an Exempt acquisition under the provisions of GS 131E-184(a)(8).

Thank you for your time and attention.

Regards,

Daniel J Porter,  
Chief Financial Officer

CC: Becky Wertz, Nursing Home Licensure Section  
Azzie Conley, Hospital Licensure Section