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June 13, 2016

Michelle Ohrel  
Granville Medical Center  
1010 College Street  
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**Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment**

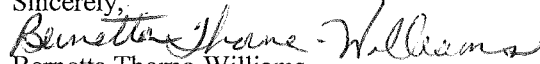
**Record #:** 1958  
**Facility Name:** Granville Medical Center  
**FID #:** 943195  
**Business Name:** Granville Health System  
**Business #:** 558  
**Project Description:** Replace existing CT scanner  
**County:** Granville

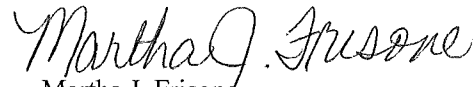
Dear Ohrel:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letter of June 1, 2016, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S 131E-184(a)(7) . Therefore, you may proceed to acquire, without a certificate of need, a CT scanner to replace the existing Siemens Sensation 10 slice scanner. This determination is based on your representations that the unit will be removed from North Carolina and will not be used again in the State without first obtaining a certificate of need.

Moreover, you need to contact the Agency’s Construction and Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Sections to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

It should be noted that the 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 office and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,  
  
 Bernetta Thorne-Williams  
 Project Analyst

  
 Martha J. Frisone,  
 Assistant Chief, Certificate of Need

cc: Construction Section, DHSR  
 Paige Bennett, Assistant Chief, Healthcare Planning, DHSR  
 Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR



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## Williams, Bernetta

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**From:** Michelle Ohrel <mohrel@granvillemedical.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 02, 2016 12:24 PM  
**To:** Williams, Bernetta  
**Subject:** RE: Replacement CT scanner

Hello,

We currently have a Siemens Sensation 10 slice scanner. Serial #1574. Model # 531112

Michelle

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**From:** Williams, Bernetta [mailto:bernetta.williams@dhhs.nc.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 02, 2016 11:10 AM  
**To:** Michelle Ohrel  
**Subject:** RE: Replacement CT scanner

Michelle,

Also, please provide the following information on the CT scanner that Granville Medical Center proposes to replace: serial number, make and model # of equipment.

Regards,

**Bernetta Thorne-Williams**

Project Analyst

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**From:** Michelle Ohrel [mailto:mohrel@granvillemedical.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 1:39 PM  
**To:** Williams, Bernetta <[bernetta.williams@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:bernetta.williams@dhhs.nc.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Replacement CT scanner

Hello,

My address is:

Granville Medical Center  
ATTN: Michelle Ohrel, Imaging Director  
1010 College Street  
Oxford, NC 27565

Thank you,

Michelle

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**From:** Williams, Bernetta [<mailto:bernetta.williams@dhhs.nc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 1:20 PM  
**To:** Michelle Ohrel  
**Subject:** Replacement CT scanner

Ms. Ohrel,

I am the monitoring analyst for Granville County. Per your email correspondence with Martha Frisone, concerning the replacement CT scanner. Please provide your mailing address so that the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section can respond to your email request for an exemption to replace your existing CT scanner.

Thank you,

**Bernetta Thorne-Williams**

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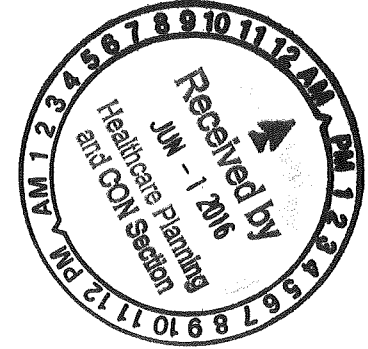
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**Waller, Martha K**

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**From:** Frisone, Martha  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 10:59 AM  
**To:** Waller, Martha K; Williams, Bernetta  
**Subject:** FW: CT Upgrade Granville Medical Center



Martha, please print Ms. Ohrel's email and log.

Bernetta, please prepare a response letter.

Thanks.

**Martha J. Frisone**

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**From:** Frisone, Martha  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 10:57 AM  
**To:** 'Michelle Ohrel'  
**Cc:** Bennett, Paige; Cox, Lee; Williams, Bernetta  
**Subject:** RE: CT Upgrade Granville Medical Center

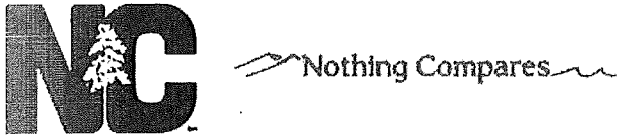
I would have said you need to provide prior written notice but you email counts as that so the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section does not require anything else from you but the Radiation Protection Section may.

**Martha J. Frisone**

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**From:** Michelle Ohrel [<mailto:mohrel@granvillemedical.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 10:12 AM  
**To:** Frisone, Martha  
**Cc:** Bennett, Paige; Cox, Lee; Williams, Bernetta  
**Subject:** RE: CT Upgrade Granville Medical Center

Thank you so much Martha,

We are replacing our existing scanner with a new unit, however the cost does not exceed \$2 million and it will be located in the main hospital. With this said, no paperwork or any information needs to be submitted to DHSR, correct? We plan to have a Radiation physicist come and do a shielding design or plan review prior to installation and then a post installation radiation survey will be performed.

Is there a registration form where I need to remove our current system and then add the new one?

Michelle

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**From:** Frisone, Martha [<mailto:martha.frisone@dhhs.nc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 9:52 AM  
**To:** Michelle Ohrel  
**Cc:** Bennett, Paige; Cox, Lee; Williams, Bernetta  
**Subject:** CT Upgrade Granville Medical Center

Ms. Ohrel,

Ms. Bennett forwarded your email to me for a response.

A certificate of need would not be required to upgrade an existing CT scanner. The hospital would have to provide the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section with prior written notice if the hospital intends to replace the existing CT scanner with a newer unit. A certificate of need would only be required before acquiring a replacement CT scanner **if** the total capital cost exceeds \$2 million **and** the CT scanner is **not** located on the "main campus" as that term is defined in G.S. 131E-176(14n). The definition of "main campus" can be found in the Certificate of Need Law in Appendix D of the 2016 State Medical Facilities Plan, which is available online at <https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ncsmfp/2016/2016smfp.pdf>.

Furthermore, you should contact Lee Cox, Section Chief, Radiation Protection Section, Division of Health Service Regulation, to determine if they have any requirements. Mr. Cox has been copied on this email.

**Martha J. Frisone**

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**From:** Bennett, Paige  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 8:49 AM  
**To:** Frisone, Martha  
**Subject:** Fwd: CT Upgrade

Martha

I believe you are better qualified to answer. Thank you.

Paige

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Michelle Ohrel <[mohrel@granvillemedical.com](mailto:mohrel@granvillemedical.com)>  
Date: 6/1/16 8:46 AM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Bennett, Paige" <[paige.bennett@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:paige.bennett@dhhs.nc.gov)>  
Subject: CT Upgrade

Good Morning,

We are in the process of preparing to upgrade our current CT Scanner. This is our first go-round at this and I want to make sure we are following all state regulations. Can you please help guide me on what forms need to be submitted and what other steps I need to take to ensure that we follow state regulations during this time.

Thank you,

Michelle

*Michelle Ohrel, RT (R)(CT), MBA/MHA*  
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