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VIA EMAIL ONLY

March 29, 2022

Melissa K. Shearer

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**Exempt from Review**

**Record #:** 3841  
**Date of Request:** March 3, 2022  
**Facility Name:** Alamance Regional Medical Center  
**FID #:** 954565  
**Business Name:** Alamance Regional Medical Center, Inc.  
**Business #:** 49  
**Project Description:** Renovate space to relocate and convert 12 adult psychiatric beds to geriatric psychiatric beds, and relocate and increase hemodialysis stations from three to six  
**County:** Alamance

Dear Ms. Shearer:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(g). 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 Agency. 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,

Gregory F. Yakaboski, Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell, Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR  
Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR

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**From:** [Hall, Andrew](#)  
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Greg,

In response to your request for additional information:

- The request is made on behalf of the hospital licensed as Alamance Regional Medical Center
- The hospital license number for Alamance Regional Medical Center is #H0272 and the FID is 954565
- Alamance Regional Medical Center is located at 1240 Huffman Mill Rd., Burlington, NC 27215. The phone number is 336-538-7450.
- The business owner is Alamance Regional Medical Center, Inc.
  - For informational purposes, Alamance Regional Medical Center, Inc. is 100% owned by ARMC Health Care. ARMC Health Care is 100% owned by The Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital (the ultimate parent corporation of Cone Health).
- Alamance Regional Medical Center, Inc. is located at 1240 Huffman Mill Rd., Burlington, NC 27215. The phone number is 336-538-7450.
- The request is to renovate space on the main campus

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks,  
Andrew

[Andrew Hall, DHA](#)

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May 5, 2021

Ms. Lisa Pittman, Acting Chief  
Ms. Celia C. Inman, Project Analyst  
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation, NC DHHS  
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Re: Notice of Exempt Capital Expenditure for Renovations to Create a Geriatric Psychiatry Unit at Alamance Regional Medical Center (Lic# H0272/ FID# 954565)

Dear Ms. Pittman and Ms. Inman:

I am writing to provide notice that Cone Health intends to create a distinct geriatric psychiatry unit at Alamance Regional Medical Center (ARMC) by renovating existing space and relocating twelve (12) of its existing adult psychiatric beds to a separate and distinct physical space within ARMC. The existing licensed bed complement will not change with this project.

The Behavioral Medicine Unit is currently located on the Lower Level of ARMC, where all adult patients are treated in the same nursing unit. The geriatric patient population, defined as those patients ages 55 and over, present different medical and psychiatric treatment issues than those younger than age 55 and benefit from a distinct physical care environment. To successfully create this physically distinct unit and to provide the most efficient access for caregivers and providers, an existing nursing unit will be renovated to accommodate the geriatric psychiatry unit.

The inpatient hemodialysis service at ARMC that is currently offered on the unit to be renovated will be relocated to existing space within the hospital. These hemodialysis stations are only used by inpatients and other hospitalized patients, such as those in observation status, and are not available to general outpatients for treatment of end stage renal disease (ESRD) and will not be used for general treatment of ESRD patients. The space where hemodialysis will relocate is currently comprised of offices that will no longer be needed due to changes in work space needs as a result of COVID-19, conference rooms, and a portion of the existing Behavioral Medicine Unit that will be unoccupied once the geriatric psychiatry unit is operational. Upon the relocation of this service, the number of hemodialysis stations will increase from three (3) to six (6).

The expected capital cost of the project is \$7,364,874. N.C.G.S. § 131E-184(g) provides an exemption from certificate of need review for projects in excess of \$2 million if certain criteria are met.

First, the sole purpose of the capital expenditure must be to renovate, replace on the same site, or expand the entirety or a portion of an existing health service facility that is located on the main campus.

The sole purpose of the project is to renovate an existing health service facility. The location of the renovations is the main campus of Alamance Regional Medical Center at 1240 Huffman Mill Road in Burlington, NC as defined in N.C.G.S. 131E-176(14n).

Next, the capital expenditure must not result in either a change in bed capacity as defined in G.S. 131E-176(5) or the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed in G.S. 131E-176(16)b.

ARMC is currently licensed for 44 psychiatric beds and will continue to be licensed for 44 psychiatric beds upon project completion. There will be no change in bed capacity as a result of the capital expenditure. Please note that the change in the number of hemodialysis stations is not considered a change in bed capacity under N.C.G.S. § 131E-176(5)c. as the hemodialysis stations are not considered beds since ARMC is not a freestanding dialysis unit.

Finally, this letter serves as notice of the capital expenditure. I look forward to receiving confirmation of the exempt nature of this project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have about this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa K. Shearer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa K. Shearer  
Executive Director  
Strategy and Planning