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VIA EMAIL ONLY

May 23, 2023

Sandy T. Godwin  
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**No Review**

**Record #:** 4198  
**Date of Request:** May 5, 2023  
**Facility Name:** Cape Fear Valley Hoke Hospital  
**FID #:** 100392  
**Business Name:** Hoke Healthcare, LLC  
**Business #:** 940  
**Project Description:** Acquire a CT scanner  
**County:** Cumberland

Dear Ms. Godwin:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your correspondence regarding the project described above. Based on the CON law **in effect on the date of this response to your request**, the project as described is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need. 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.

This determination is binding only for the facts represented in your correspondence. If changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in the correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by this office.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tanya M. Saporito  
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell  
Chief

cc: Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR  
Radiation Protection Section, DHSR

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May 4, 2023

Ms. Tanya Saporito  
 Project Analyst, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
 Division of Health Service Regulation  
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**RE: Acquisition of a CT Scanner at Cape Fear Valley Hoke Hospital/License No. H0288/Hoke County**

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Dear Ms. Saporito:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section (the "Agency") that Hoke Healthcare LLC, d/b/a Cape Fear Valley Hoke Hospital ("CFVHH") plans to purchase medical diagnostic equipment, i.e., CT scanner, which will be located in existing space within CFVHH's hospital located at 210 Medical Pavilion Drive, Raeford, NC 28376.

CFVHH requests the Agency to confirm that purchase of the following medical diagnostic equipment for CFVHH is non-reviewable because it does not constitute a new institutional health service. Under North Carolina law, the purchase of medical diagnostic equipment for an existing health service facility is not subject to CON review unless it qualifies as "major medical equipment" under the statute. To qualify as "major medical equipment," the cost of acquiring each piece of medical diagnostic equipment would need to exceed \$2,108,000.<sup>1</sup> CFVHH does not intend to purchase any equipment which exceeds this threshold.

The following table summarizes the cost to acquire the proposed medical diagnostic equipment.

Description	Cost
CT Scanner	\$525,000
Renovation	\$238,639
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$763,639</b>

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to G.S. §131E-176 (7a); (14o); and (16)b., the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Service Regulation is required to adjust the certificate of need (CON) cost threshold amounts for the development of diagnostic centers and new institutional health services and for the acquisition of major medical equipment using the Medical Care Index (MCI) component of the Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor on September 30 for the 12-month period preceding September 1. The percentage change in the MCI from August 31, 2021 to August 31, 2022 is 5.4%. Accordingly, the new CON cost threshold amount for major medical equipment is \$2,108,000.



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Based on the project described herein, CFVHH requests the Agency to confirm that its purchase of the identified CT scanner is not subject to CON review.

Please contact me at 910.615.6852 or [stgodwin@capefearvalley.com](mailto:stgodwin@capefearvalley.com) regarding any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Sandy T. Godwin  
Vice President, Planning  
Cape Fear Valley Health System

**From:** [Tanya, Saporito](#)  
**To:** [Stancil, Tiffany C](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Cape Fear Valley Hoke Hospital CT No Review Request  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 9:12:21 AM  
**Attachments:** [Hoke Hospital CT Exemption May 4 2023.pdf](#)

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Good morning Tiffany!

I wish for you a blessed and wonderful day!

**Tanya M. Saporito, J.D.** *I work from home and in the office. Email is the best way to contact me.*

Project Analyst

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Good afternoon,

Attached is a request from Cape Fear Valley Hoke Hospital for a CT no review. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Wishing you a wonderful day.

*Sandy*

Sandy T Godwin  
Vice President of Planning

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