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RESPONSE REQUIRED

July 8, 2016

Barry Wald
PO Box 609
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Conditional Approval

Project ID #: D-11179-16
Facility: Wilkes Regional Dialysis Center
Project Description: Cost overrun and change of scope for Project ID #D-10244-14 (add two dialysis stations) and Project ID #D-10326-14 (add three dialysis stations)
County: Wilkes
FID #: 956103

Dear Mr. Wald:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) has conditionally approved the above referenced certificate of need application. This decision was made after a review of the applications submitted for this cycle and after consideration of the Certificate of Need Law, G.S. 131E-175 et. seq. and regulations promulgated there under, the State Medical Facilities Plan, and other applicable information. Attached to this letter are the required findings made with respect to your application. The applicant shall not proceed with the construction, offering or development of this project until the certificate of need is issued. Further, the Agency shall not issue the certificate of need until all applicable conditions of approval have been met pursuant to G.S. 131E-187(a). The conditions are as follows:

1. WRMC Hospital Operating Corporation d/b/a Wilkes Regional Medical Center shall materially comply with all conditions of approval on the certificates of need for Project ID #D-10244-14 and Project ID #D-10326-14, except as specifically modified by the conditions of approval for this application, Project ID #D-11179-16.
2. The total approved capital expenditure for Project ID #D-10244-14, Project ID #D-10326-14, and Project ID #D-11179-16 is \$669,871, an increase of \$152,541 over the two

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previously approved capital costs of \$120,200 and \$397,130 for Project ID #D-10244-14 and Project ID #D-10326-14, respectively.

3. WRMC Hospital Operating Corporation d/b/a Wilkes Regional Medical Center shall not acquire, as part of this project, any equipment that is not included in the project's proposed capital expenditure in Section F of the application and that would otherwise require a certificate of need.
4. Prior to issuance of the certificate of need, WRMC Hospital Operating Corporation d/b/a Wilkes Regional Medical Center shall acknowledge acceptance of and agree to comply with all conditions stated herein to the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section in writing prior to issuance of the certificate of need.

Response to the above conditions should be submitted to the Agency no later than 35 days from the date of the decision. Failure to respond within this time period may result in the Agency making a determination not to issue a certificate of need for the project referenced above.

The conditional approval is valid only for a capital expenditure of \$152,541. If a cost overrun occurs that exceeds the approved capital expenditure amount, a new certificate of need may be required as determined by G.S. 131E-176(16)(e).

The applicant should be aware that according to the Certificate of Need law any affected person shall have thirty (30) days after the date of decision to file a petition for a contested case on this approval. Further, if you are aggrieved by the conditions of the decision you may file a petition for a contested case hearing in accordance with G.S. 150B, Article 3, as amended. This petition must be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-6714 within thirty (30) days of the date of this decision. [Note: Effective October 1, 2009, OAH requires a filing fee with submittal of petitions for contested cases. Please direct all questions regarding this fee to OAH Clerk's Office (919-431-3000).]

G.S. 150B-23 provides that a party filing a petition must also serve a copy of the petition on all parties to the petition. Therefore, if you file a petition for a contested case hearing, you must serve a copy of the petition on the Department of Health and Human Services by mailing a copy of your petition to:

Emery Milliken
Department of Health and Human Services,
Office of Legal Affairs,
Adams Building – Room 154
2001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-2001

It is requested that a copy of the petition also be served on the Agency.

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The certificate of need will not be issued before the completion of this 30 day period ending August 8, 2016. If a contested case request is received within the thirty (30) day period, the certificate will not be issued until the appeal is resolved (10A NCAC 14C .0208).

The timetable for completion of the project is the timetable outlined in the certificate of need application, unless an adjustment has been made by the Agency because the review period was extended. The timetable for this project is as follows:

Contract Award _____	March 4, 2016
25% Completion of Construction _____	May 15, 2016
50% Completion of Construction _____	May 30, 2016
75% Completion of Construction _____	June 15, 2016
Completion of Construction/Occupancy/Offering of Service _____	August 15, 2016

If the decision is appealed, the timetable set forth in this letter will be adjusted accordingly before the Certificate of Need is issued. Please contact this office if any clarification of this decision is required.

Please refer to the Project ID # and Facility ID # (FID) in all correspondence.

Sincerely,

Celia C. Inman
Project Analyst

Lisa Pittman
Team Leader, Certificate of Need

Attachment

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing notice of **conditional approval** on the following person by placing a copy in an official depository of the United States Postal Service in a postage-paid, first class envelope addressed as follows:

Barry Wald
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North Wilkesboro, NC 28659

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This the 8th day of July, 2016.

Celia C. Inman
Project Analyst, Certificate of Need