



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Health Service Regulation

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RESPONSE REQUIRED

April 27, 2018

Jim Swann
3390 Dunn Road
Eastover, NC 28312

Conditional Approval

Project ID #: N-11447-18
Facility: Fresenius Kidney Care East Lumberton
Project Description: Develop a new 20-station dialysis facility by relocating 20 existing dialysis stations from BMA Lumberton, and relocate the home training program from BMA Lumberton to the new facility
County: Robeson
FID #: 180042

Dear Mr. Swann:

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, N.C. Gen. Stat. §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 N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-187(a). The conditions are as follows:

1. Bio-Medical Applications of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Fresenius Kidney Care East Lumberton shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application.
2. Pursuant to Policy ESRD-2, Bio-Medical Applications of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Fresenius Kidney Care East Lumberton shall develop a new kidney disease treatment center to be known as FKC East Lumberton by relocating 20 dialysis stations and the home therapies program from BMA Lumberton.

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HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

LOCATION: 809 Ruggles Drive, Edgerton Building, Raleigh, NC 27603
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3. Upon completion of this project, Bio-Medical Applications of North Carolina, Inc. shall take the necessary steps to decertify 20 dialysis stations at BMA Lumberton for a total of no more than 15 dialysis stations at BMA Lumberton.
4. Bio-Medical Applications of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Fresenius Kidney Care East Lumberton shall install plumbing and electrical wiring through the walls for no more than 20 dialysis stations which shall include any isolation stations.
5. Bio-Medical Applications of North Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Johnston Dialysis 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 **\$2,611,841**. If a cost overrun occurs that exceeds the approved capital expenditure amount, a new certificate of need may be required as determined by N.C. Gen. Stat. §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 N.C. Gen. Stat. §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).]

N.C. Gen. Stat. §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:

Lisa G. Corbett
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.

The certificate of need will not be issued before the completion of this 30 day period ending **May 29, 2018**. 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:

1. Drawings Completed _____ November 3, 2018
2. Construction/Renovation Contract(s) Executed _____ February 1, 2019
3. 50% of Construction/Renovation Completed _____ July 16, 2019
4. 75% of Construction/Renovation Completed _____ September 29, 2019
5. Services Offered _____ December 31, 2019

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,

Michael J. McKillip
Project Analyst

Fatimah Wilson
Team Leader, Certificate of Need

Attachment

cc: Acute & Home Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR
Amy Craddock, 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:

Jim Swann
3390 Dunn Road
Eastover, NC 28312

This the 27th day of April, 2018.

Michael J. McKillip
Project Analyst, Certificate of Need