

**ROY COOPER • Governor** MANDY COHEN, MD, MPH . Secretary MARK PAYNE • Director, Division of Health Service Regulation

## RESPONSE REQUIRED

December 17, 2018

**Esther Fleming** 2321 W. Morehead Street Charlotte, NC 28208

## **Conditional Approval**

Project ID #:

C-11594-18

Facility:

McDowell Dialysis Center

Project Description: Add two dialysis stations for a total of 15 dialysis stations upon project

completion

County:

McDowell

FID #:

040266

Dear Ms. Fleming:

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. Total Renal Care of North Carolina, LLC d/b/a McDowell Dialysis Center shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application.
- 2. Pursuant to the facility need determination in the July 2018 SDR, Total Renal Care of North Carolina, LLC d/b/a McDowell Dialysis Center shall develop no more than two additional dialysis stations for a total of no more than 15 certified stations upon completion of this project, which shall include any home hemodialysis training or isolation stations.

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- 3. Total Renal Care of North Carolina, LLC d/b/a McDowell Dialysis Center shall install plumbing and electrical wiring through the walls for no more than two dialysis stations, which shall include any isolation stations.
- 4. Total Renal Care of North Carolina, LLC d/b/a McDowell Dialysis Center shall acknowledge acceptance of and agree to comply with all conditions stated herein to the Agency 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 \$937,320. 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 January 16, 2019. 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).

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that the undersigned has this day served the foregoing **Conditional Approval** upon the following by depositing a copy hereof, postage prepaid, in the United States mail, addressed as follows:

Esther Fleming 2321 W. Morehead Street Charlotte, NC 28208 Project ID #: C-11594-18

This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

Ena Lightbourne, Project Analyst

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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.	Financing Obtained	September 17, 2018
2.	50% of Construction/Renovation Completed	September 15, 2019
3.	Construction/Renovation Completed	October 15, 2019
4.	Equipment Ordered	September 15, 2019
5.	Equipment Installed	November 15, 2019
6.	Equipment Operational	December 1, 2019
7.	Services Offered	January 1, 2020
8.	Medicare and/or Medicaid Certification Obtained	January 1, 2020

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,

Ena Lightbourne

Project Analyst

Gloria C. Hale Team Leader

Gloria C. Hale

Attachment

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

Melinda Boyette, Administrative Assistant, Healthcare Planning, DHSR