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**Exempt from Review**

Facility: Duke University Health System d/b/a Duke Regional Hospital  
Project Description: Installation of power and data infrastructure to support electronic health records system  
County: Durham  
FID #: 923142

Dear Ms. Cummer:

In response to your correspondence of September 10, 2013, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C.G.S 131E-184(a)(3). 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 Certificate of Need Section. 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,

Michael J. McKillop  
Project Analyst

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**Evans, Stephanie**

*Mike* 923142  
9/25/13

**From:** Mckillip, Mike  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2013 1:25 PM  
**To:** Evans, Stephanie  
**Subject:** FW: Duke Regional Hospital -- Notice of Exempt IT project

Hi Stephanie,

This is an exemption letter request from Duke sent to me via e-mail. Thanks.

Mike

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**From:** Catharine Cummer [<mailto:catharine.cummer@duke.edu>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 09, 2013 11:55 AM  
**To:** Mckillip, Mike  
**Cc:** Scott McCarver; Monte Brown  
**Subject:** Duke Regional Hospital -- Notice of Exempt IT project

Dear Mike,

On behalf of Duke University Health System, I am writing to provide you prior written notice of a project at Duke Regional Hospital and Davis Ambulatory Surgery Center that we understand to be exempt as necessary "to provide data processing equipment." GS 131E-184(3). We would appreciate your confirmation of this exemption.

We have previously notified the CON Section of DUHS' acquisition of EPIC electronic health record systems. Duke now needs to undertake certain construction efforts to support this acquisition at the main Duke Regional Hospital building and the Health Services Center (HSC) operated under the hospital's license, as well as at Davis Ambulatory Service Center (DASC). The project scope includes installation of additional power and data infrastructure needed to support Epic hardware implementation in patient rooms, unit support spaces and ancillary departments. Modifications to existing hard ceilings will be required in some areas to accommodate the required new infrastructure.

This project is therefore necessary for the acquisition, development and implementation of an electronic health record system to collect and assemble information for use and analysis. We do not currently know the exact cost of this project, but wanted to provide prior notice in the event the eventual cost of construction exceeds \$2 million at either facility.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this project. Thank you very much.

Catharine

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