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Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment

Record #: 1731
Facility Name: Duke Regional Hospital
FID #: 923142
Business Name: Duke University Health System
Business #: 639
Project Description: Temporary replacement of Cath Lab #1 with a mobile unit while upgrades are made to Cath Lab #1
County: Durham

Dear Ms. Cummer:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letter of September 17, 2015, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S 131E-184(a)(7) or f. Therefore, you may proceed to use the mobile unit, without a certificate of need, while Cath Lab #1 is being upgraded. This determination is based on your representations that the total number of cardiac catheterization units at Duke Regional Hospital will not exceed two units and the mobile unit will be taken out of service at Duke Regional Hospital once the upgrades are complete.

Moreover, you need to contact the Agency's Construction and Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Sections to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

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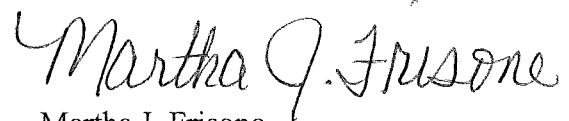
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It should be noted that the Agency's position is based solely on the facts represented by you and that any change in facts as represented would require further consideration by this office and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,



Bernetta Thorne-Williams
Project Analyst

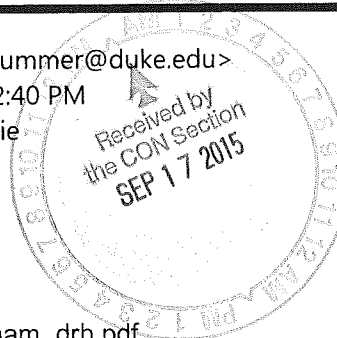


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Evans, Stephanie

From: Catharine Cummer <catharine.cummer@duke.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 2:40 PM
To: Frisone, Martha; Evans, Stephanie
Cc: Maggie Meyer
Subject: Fw: DRH Cath 1 Upgrade



http://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/coneed/reviews/2015/jan/0212_durham_drh.pdf

Dear Martha,

I am writing on behalf of Duke Regional Hospital to provide prior written notice of our intention to use an existing mobile cardiac catheterization laboratory as a temporary replacement for an existing fixed cath lab during some short-term improvements to the cath lab procedure room. It is our understanding that this proposal is exempt from CON review as a replacement equipment project.

Beginning Saturday, September 26, 2015 and ending Friday October 2, 2015, DRH plans to upgrade its Cath Lab 1. This upgrade involves ceiling work to 1) add and extend conduit; 2) remove and repair an air handling system; and 3) move and install network cables. There will be no changes to the actual physical equipment, but the equipment cannot be operated during these upgrades.

As set forth in the correspondence linked above, DRH previously received permission to use the mobile cath lab during the replacement of its other fixed cath lab (designated as Cath Lab 2). That replacement will be complete on September 18 and the mobile cath lab will no longer be needed as the replacement for Cath Lab 2. Therefore, DRH now proposes to use the same mobile equipment, which would otherwise be taken out of service, as a temporary replacement for Cath Lab 1, from approximately September 26-October 2 (or as long as the renovations render Cath Lab 1 out of service).

At no time will DRH operate more than 2 cath labs, consistent with its certificates of need. The mobile cath lab will not be used during the week between the operation of the replacement Cath Lab 2 and the beginning of the renovations to Cath Lab 1. At the end of the renovations to Cath Lab 1, the mobile cath lab will be removed from service.

Finally, I do not believe the cost of these renovations will exceed \$2 million. To the extent that they will, however, please also accept this correspondence as notice of the planned renovations pursuant to Section 131E-184 as exempt hospital infrastructure renovations on the main campus of the Duke Regional Hospital.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this plan. Thanks very much.

Yours,
Catharine

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From: Maggie Meyer
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 8:26 AM
To: Catharine Cummer
Cc: Mitch Babb; Paula Allen
Subject: DRH Cath 1 Upgrade

Hi Catharine,

Below is a summary of the updates to Cath Lab 1. Please let me know if more information is needed before going to the state. Thank you for your help.

Beginning Saturday, September 26, 2015 and ending Friday October 2, 2015, Duke Regional Hospital (DRH) plans to upgrade Catheterization Lab 1. This upgrade involves ceiling work to 1) add and extend conduit; 2) remove and repair an air handling system; and 3) move and install network cables. There will be no changes to the actual Philips unit currently covered by the CON license. Catheterization Lab 2 will complete renovation, as of Friday, September, 18, 2015. Prior to completion, a mobile lab was used so that two catheterization lab rooms were always available at DRH. Similarly, DRH plans to use the same mobile lab while Catheterization Lab 1 is upgraded.

Best,
Maggie

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