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October 28, 2020

Jim Swann
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No Review – Home Hemodialysis Training

Record #: 3400
Facility: FMC of Alexander County
Project Description: Add home hemodialysis training and support services to existing facility
County: Alexander
FID #: 90725

Dear Mr. Swann:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your letter of October 26, 2020 regarding the above referenced proposal. The proposal described in your correspondence is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need provided that the addition of home dialysis training services does not result in the development of hemodialysis training stations that are in addition to the total number of authorized stations.

In addition, you should contact the Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project. Please contact this office if you have any questions. Also, in all future correspondence you should reference the Facility ID # (FID).

Sincerely,

Ena Lightbourne (handwritten signature)

Ena Lightbourne
Project Analyst

Martha J. Frisone (handwritten signature)

Martha J. Frisone
Chief

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

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October 26, 2020

Ms. Ena Lightbourne, Project Analyst  
Ms. Gloria Hale, Team Leader  
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Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
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Re: Request for Determination of No Review / FMC of Alexander County, add home hemodialysis training and support services / Alexander County  
FID # 090725

Dear Ms. Lightbourne, Ms. Hale and Ms. Pittman:

BMA seeks a No Review Determination which will allow FMC of Alexander County to add home hemodialysis training and support services at the facility.

BMA has a dialysis patient, who resides in Alexander County, and who is seeking to perform home hemodialysis. At the present time our FMC of Alexander County facility is certified for in-center dialysis and home peritoneal dialysis. However, patients desiring home hemodialysis are referred to the BMA Hickory facility in Hickory.

BMA will utilize one of its existing in-center stations (the facility was certified for 13 dialysis stations on September 3, 2018). The facility can offer the home hemodialysis training and support services without impacting the ability of the facility to offer in-center dialysis.

The addition of home hemodialysis can be accomplished for no capital costs on behalf of BMA. The peritoneal dialysis training room has sufficient space to offer home hemodialysis training. The home hemodialysis equipment is compatible with the peritoneal dialysis room.

BMA respectfully requests and expedited review and approval of this request. The patient is ready to commence training as soon as all regulatory requirements have been completed. If you have any questions please contact me at 910-568-3041, or email [jim.swann@fmc-na.com](mailto:jim.swann@fmc-na.com).

Sincerely,

Jim Swann  
Director of Operations, Certificate of Need

Cc: Azzie Conley, Chief, Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification

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Hi Martha, can you log this one. Thanks.

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Hi Ena! Hope all is well.

BMA is requesting a No Review Determination which will allow us to add home hemodialysis training and support services at FMC of Alexander County. We are submitting this request in order to enhance access to home hemodialysis. A dialysis patient residing in Alexander County, is asking to do home hemodialysis without having to go all the way to Hickory for training and monthly follow-up. Adding the services at FMC of Alexander County is a patient focused approach.

FMC of Alexander County has not completed any CON projects in the most recent 12 months. The addition will not require any capital expenditure on behalf of BMA.

I am asking for an expedited response to this request so that we can move forward with certification of the services. Thank you!



Jim Swann

Director, Certificate of Need

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