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VIA EMAIL ONLY

April 14, 2021

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No Review

Record #: 3523
Date of Request: April 9, 2021
Facility Name: Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center
FID #: 943501
Business Name: Novant Health, Inc.
Business #: 1341
Project Description: Change in designation of one dedicated open heart OR to a shared OR, which will reduce the number of dedicated open heart ORs on the hospital's license from three to two
County: Mecklenburg

Dear Ms. Cremeens:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your correspondence regarding the project described above. Based on the CON law in effect on the date of this response to your request, the project as described is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need. If the CON law is subsequently amended such that the above referenced proposal would require a certificate of need, this determination does not authorize you to proceed to develop the above referenced proposal when the new law becomes effective.

This determination is binding only for the facts represented in your correspondence. If changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in the correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by this office.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Julie M. Faenza

Julie M. Faenza
Project Analyst

Handwritten signature of Gloria C. Hale

for
Lisa Pittman
Acting Chief, Certificate of Need

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

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Martha, please log.

Celia – for you! Holler if you have any questions.

**Lisa Pittman**

Assistant Chief

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Ms. Pittman,

We have been in contact with Dr. Amy Craddock around a CON / licensure question that we had pertaining to our open heart surgery ORs.

Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center planned to transition one of our 3 dedicated open heart surgery OR's to a shared inpatient / ambulatory surgery OR via notification on our LRA. After reviewing the submitted LRA, we noticed this change did not happen. On our LRA, we reported 3 open heart operating rooms however, this should be 2. There was no construction involved in the project just a change in licensing.

Through the help of Dr. Craddock, we've learned that these OR's pre-date the CON law.

We are writing to request approval to change the status of 1 dedicated open heart surgery operating room to 1 shared inpatient / ambulatory surgery operating room.

Please let us know if you approve or if there is any other information we could provide.

Thank you,  
Cameron Cremeens

Cameron L Cremeens  
Director, Operational Planning & CON  
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