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December 22, 2021

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Exempt from Review

Record #: 3761
Date of Request: December 14, 2021
Facility Name: Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center
FID #: 990440
Business Name: Novant Health, Inc.
Business #: 1341
Project Description: Create a pediatric emergency department by renovating and expanding existing emergency department
County: Mecklenburg

Dear Ms. Gymer:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(g). 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 Agency. 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,

Julie M. Faenza
Project Analyst

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Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR
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**Re: Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center
Notice of Exemption for Pediatric Emergency Department
Huntersville, North Carolina (FID # 990440; Mecklenburg County)**

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

This letter serves as notice of Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center's ("NH Huntersville") intention to renovate its existing Emergency Department to create a dedicated Pediatric Emergency Department. This project will encompass approximately 5,000 square feet of the total 19,000 square feet of the current Emergency Department. The total costs of the Pediatric Emergency Department project are estimated to be \$2.4 million and the project is expected to be completed by the last quarter of 2022.

A new and separate canopied covered entrance is planned. See Attachment A for a rendering of the new entrance. Nine (9) existing emergency room bays of the existing 32 bays will be reconfigured for the pediatric-specific space. There will be a separate reception desk and waiting area for pediatric emergency patients and their families. Attachment B shows the floorplan of the new Pediatric Emergency Department.

The the project will not increase the number of licensed beds or other regulated assets. NH Huntersville will file a certificate of need application for any additional new institutional health services that would be developed.

Pursuant to N.C. G. S. §131E-184 (g), "[t]he Department shall exempt from certificate of need review any capital expenditure that exceeds the two million dollar (\$2,000,000) threshold set forth in G.S. 131E- 176(16)b . if all of the following conditions are met:

- (1) *The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to renovate, replace on the same site, or expand the entirety or a portion of an existing health service facility that is located on the main campus.*
- (2) *The capital expenditure does not result in (i) a change in bed capacity as defined in G.S. 131E- 176(5) or (ii) the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed in G.S. 131E-176(16)b.*
- (3) *The licensed health service facility proposing to incur the capital expenditure shall provide prior written notice to the Department, along with supporting documentation to demonstrate that it meets the exemption criteria of this subsection."*

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N.C. G. S. §131E-176(14n) states, "*Main campus means all of the following for the purposes of G.S. 131E- 184(f) and (g) only:*

- a. The site of the main building from which a licensed health service facility provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility, including the buildings and grounds adjacent to that main building.*
- b. Other areas and structures that are not strictly contiguous to the main building but are located within 250 yards of the main building."*

The NH Huntersville Pediatric Emergency Department project meets each of the applicable conditions set forth above:

- The estimated capital cost of the project exceeds \$2,000,000.
- The sole purpose of the capital expenditure is to expand an existing health service facility, NH Huntersville, on the main campus located at 10030 Gilead Road, Huntersville, NC 28204. As is shown on Attachment C, the Emergency Department involve the existing Emergency Department area of the existing main hospital building.
- The capital expenditure will not result in a change in bed capacity or the addition of a health service facility or any other new institutional health service other than that allowed by G.S. § 131E-176(16)(b).
- This letter constitutes the required prior written notice.
- NH Huntersville provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control from its location detailed above. The NH Huntersville's President's office is located on the main floor of the hospital in Administration.

Based on the foregoing, we respectfully request that the CON Section issue written confirmation that this project is exempt from Certificate of Need under N.C.G.S § 131E-184(g). If you have any questions about this project, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

ATTACHMENT A

**NH Huntersville Medical Center Pediatric Emergency Department
Proposed New Entrance**



ATTACHMENT B

NH Huntersville Medical Center Proposed Pediatric Emergency Department



ATTACHMENT C



Campus map

Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center

10030 Gilead Road, Huntersville
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