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VIA EMAIL ONLY

July 30, 2021

Jeffrey Shovelin  
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**No Review**

**Record #:** 3625  
**Date of Request:** July 22, 2021  
**Facility Name:** Vidant Beaufort Health, A Campus of Vidant Medical Center (formerly Vidant Beaufort Health)  
**FID #:** 932963  
**Business Name:** East Carolina Health-Beaufort, Inc.  
**Business #:** 3419  
**Project Description:** Move Vidant Beaufort Health to license of Vidant Medical Center and change name  
**County:** Beaufort

Dear Mr. Shovelin:

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,

for Greg Yakaboski  
Project Analyst

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Pittman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "P".

Lisa Pittman  
Assistant Chief, Certificate of Need

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



## VIDANT HEALTH™

July 20, 2021

Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Chief,  
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need,  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
NC Department of Health and Human Services  
2704 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

**Re: Notice of Intent to Change Status of Vidant Beaufort Hospital to a Campus of Vidant Medical Center /  
Request for “No Review” Status**

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you notice of an upcoming change in the status of East Carolina Health – Beaufort, Inc. d/b/a Vidant Beaufort Hospital (“VBEA”), license number H0188. As of September 1, 2021, VBEA will transition its status from a freestanding, separately licensed acute care hospital to a campus under the Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Vidant Medical Center (“VMC”) license (H0104). At the completion of the transition, VMC will operate as a single hospital on two campuses, the existing facility in Greenville, NC (Pitt County) and the VBEA facility in Washington, NC (Beaufort County). VBEA will be renamed to Vidant Beaufort Hospital, A Campus of Vidant Medical Center and will continue to provide all of the inpatient and outpatient services currently offered today.

VMC and VBEA believes the change of status is exempt from Certificate of Need (CON) review. Specifically, § 131E-184 states:

- “(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the Department shall exempt from certificate of need review a new institutional health service if it receives prior written notice from the entity proposing the new institutional health service, which notice includes an explanation of why the new institutional health services required, for any of the following: (8) To acquire an existing health service facility, including equipment owned by the health service facility at the time of acquisition”

VMC’s “acquisition” of VBEA to create one hospital with two campuses meets the definition of a health service facility since, according to § 131E-176(9b), a “health service facility means a hospital”. Therefore, the proposed change of status of VBEA qualifies as an acquisition of an existing healthcare facility, and is therefore exempt from CON review based on 131E-184(a)(8). VMC is requesting that the CON Section issue a letter determining the change of status of VBEA is exempt from CON review. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (252) 847-3631.

Sincerely,

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Hi Gloria,

Sorry for the delayed response, I'm actually on vacation out of the country this week and next. Vidant Beaufort Hospital and Vidant Medical Center are both wholly owned subsidiaries of Vidant Health. So this isn't an acquisition in the traditional sense where money changes hands. I can get a more legal definition and description of what the transition to a campus entails if you need it from the lawyers working on this. Just let me know. Thanks!

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**From:** Hale, Gloria <[gloria.hale@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:gloria.hale@dhhs.nc.gov)>  
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**To:** 'Shovelin, Jeffrey'  
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Jeff, I am following up regarding the above request on behalf of Greg Yakaboski since he is taking some vacation leave. Is Vidant Beaufort Hospital owned by the same entity as Vidant Medical Center? I am not under the impression from your letter that this change – to make Vidant Beaufort Hospital, A Campus of Vidant Medical Center a campus of Vidant Medical Center – is an acquisition. Is that correct? Please clarify. Thank you.

**Gloria C. Hale, MPH**

Team Leader, Certificate of Need

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