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June 17, 2021

Kristy Hubard  
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**Exempt from Review – Physician Office or Medical Office Building**

**Record #:** 3589  
**Date of Request:** June 2, 2021  
**Business Name:** Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center, LLC  
**Business #:** 3330  
**Project Description:** Develop a physician office building  
**County:** New Hanover

Dear Ms. Hubard:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the project described above is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(9). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the project described above without a certificate of need.

It should be noted that this 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 the Agency and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Tanya M. Saporito  
Project Analyst

for  
Lisa Pittman  
Acting Chief, Certificate of Need

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June 2, 2021

Via Electronic Mail

Ms. Lisa Pittman, Interim Chief  
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
NC Department of Health and Human Services  
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RE: Notice of Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center Development of Physician Office Building / New Hanover County/HSA V

Dear Ms. Pittman:

Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center ("NHNHRMC") intends to develop a physician office building on land currently owned by NHNHRMC where ED North is currently located at 151 Scotts Hill Medical Drive, Wilmington, NC 28411. This project will improve patient access while supporting the recently approved Scotts Hill Hospital project (Project # O-11947-20).

NHNHRMC intends to develop this building to house a variety of physician services needed to support the Scotts Hill Hospital and expand geographic access for patients in northern New Hanover County. No new institutional health services will be offered or developed in this building without first filing any required certificate of need application and obtaining CON approval for any such services.

**Exemption from Review Criterion**

Upon prior written notice, the CON Law exempts from CON review, the development of medical office buildings. In Section 131E-184 (a)(9), the CON Law provides : To develop or acquire a physician office building regardless of cost, unless a new institutional health service other than defined in G.S. 131E-176(16)b. is offered or developed in the building.

**Compliance**

NHNHRMC hereby certifies that:

1. No new institutional health services will be offered in this building without filing any required CON application and obtaining CON approval for any such services.

**Determination Requested**

NHNHRMC requests that the Division of Health Service Regulation confirm that the development of a physician office building, as proposed herein, is exempt from CON review.



If you require additional information concerning this request, please contact me at 910-667-5908.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kristy Hubbard'.

Kristy Hubbard  
Chief Strategy Officer  
Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center