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VIA EMAIL ONLY

November 3, 2021

Andrea Gymer
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Exempt from Review

Record #: 3716
Date of Request: October 26, 2021
Facility Name: Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center
FID #: 943501
Business Name: Novant Health, Inc.
Business #: 1341
Project Description: Renovate and expand NICU
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

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

cc: Construction Section, DHSR
Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR
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October 25, 2021



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Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Chief
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NC Division of Health Service Regulation
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**Re: Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center
Notice of Exemption for Expansion of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
Charlotte, North Carolina (FID # 943501; Mecklenburg County)**

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

This letter serves as notice of Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center's ("NH Presbyterian") intention to renovate and expand its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit ("NICU") located on the 7th floor of the hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina. This project will encompass approximately 18,484 square feet once the project is complete. As part of this expansion, NH Presbyterian will redesignate twelve (12) existing general acute care beds to NICU beds, which are a category of general acute care beds.

NH Presbyterian is licensed for a total of 519 general acute care beds which currently includes 38 NICU beds. Upon completion of the project, NH Presbyterian will still be licensed for 519 total general acute care beds, which will then include 50 NICU beds. See Attachment A for NH Presbyterian's current hospital license.

See Attachment B for a line drawing of the NICU area indicating the floorplan "before" on the left side and "after" on the right side. The expansion will also include new lactation services space, waiting room, and new support, staff and office spaces. The total capital costs of the NICU expansion project is estimated to be \$ 5.5 million and the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

As indicated above, the project will not increase the number of licensed beds or other regulated assets. NH Presbyterian 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."

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 Presbyterian NICU Expansion 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 Presbyterian, on the main campus located at 200 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, NC 28204. As is shown on Exhibit B, the NICU expansion will encompass the 7th floor 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 Presbyterian provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control from its location detailed above. The NH Presbyterian 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 at (336) 277 – 1523.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Andrea Gymer
Vice President, Strategic & Business Planning
Novant Health, Inc

ATTACHMENT A

State of North Carolina

Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Service Regulation

Effective January 01, 2021, this license is issued to

The Presbyterian Hospital

to operate a hospital known as

Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center

located in Charlotte, North Carolina, Mecklenburg County.

*This license is issued subject to the statutes of the
State of North Carolina, is not transferable and shall remain
in effect until amended by the issuing agency.*

Facility ID: 943501

License Number: H0010

Bed Capacity: 624

General Acute 519, Psych 75, Hospice 14,

Nursing: 16

Dedicated Inpatient Surgical Operating Rooms: 6

Dedicated Ambulatory Surgical Operating Rooms: 6

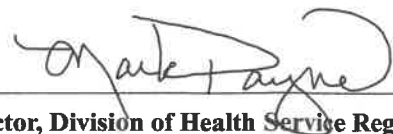
Shared Surgical Operating Rooms: 29

Dedicated Endoscopy Rooms: 9

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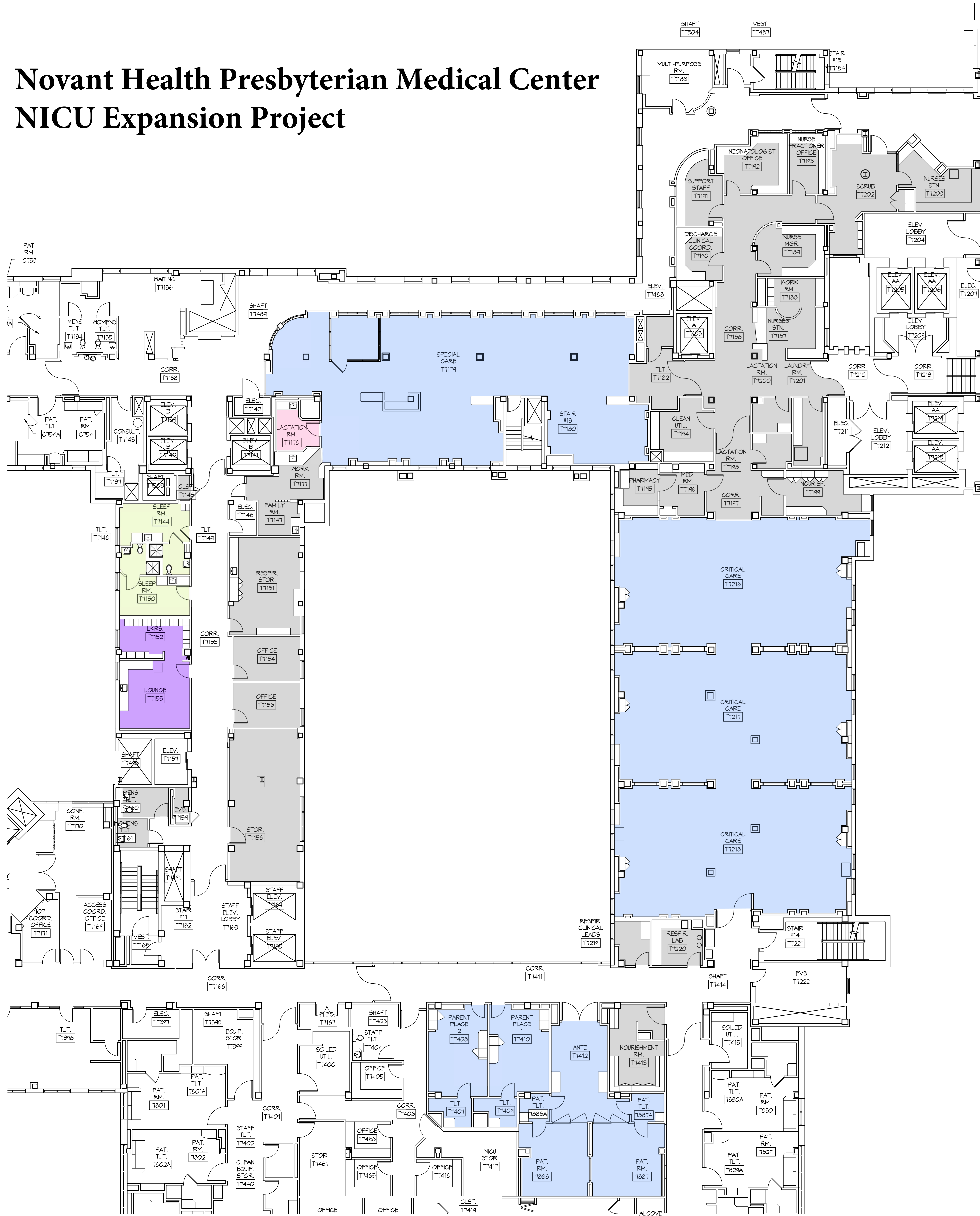
Secretary, N.C. Department of Health and
Human Services



Director, Division of Health Service Regulation

ATTACHMENT B

Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center NICU Expansion Project



EXISTING FLOOR PLAN



NEW FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 3/32"

SCALE: 3/32"

KEY	EXISTING SUPPORT SPACE	EXISTING SLEEP ROOM	NEW PATIENT CARE	NEW TEAM LOUNGE
	EXISTING PATIENT CARE	EXISTING TEAM LOUNGE	NEW LACTATION SPACE	NEW FAMILY TOILET
	EXISTING LACTATION SPACE	NEW SUPPORT SPACE	NEW SLEEP ROOM	

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Good morning,

Attached is an exemption letter regarding the expansion of the existing Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at NH Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. Please let me or Andrea Gymer know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you in advance,

Lisa Griffin

Manager, Strategic Planning
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