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VIA EMAIL ONLY

December 19, 2024

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**Exempt from Review**

**Record #:** 4663  
**Date of Request:** December 6, 2024  
**Facility Name:** WakeMed Cary Hospital  
**FID #:** 990332  
**Business Name:** WakeMed  
**Business #:** 2018  
**Project Description:** To renovate and reconfigure the Special Care Nursery (SCN) neonatal unit  
**County:** Wake

Dear Robbie Roberts & Daina DiMarco:

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,

Crystal Kearney  
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell  
Chief

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

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December 6, 2024

Ms. Crystal Kearney, Project Analyst  
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
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**Re: Request for Exemption from Review to Renovate the Special Care Nursery at WakeMed Cary Hospital**

Dear Ms. Kearney:

The purpose of this letter is to provide prior written notice of planned renovation activities at WakeMed Cary Hospital, located at 1900 Kildaire Farm Road, Cary, NC 27518 (Hospital License No. H0276). WakeMed plans to renovate and reconfigure WakeMed Cary's Special Care Nursery (SCN), which has eight licensed Level III neonatal beds, from semi-private to private rooms, which will provide improved infection control and enhanced privacy for patients and their families. In addition, the project will make the WakeMed Cary SCN consistent with other WakeMed system facilities for neonatal care. Please note that the proposed project will not change existing licensed bed capacity or inventory of any regulated assets at WakeMed Cary Hospital.

WakeMed believes this project meets the conditions of N.C.G.S. §131E-184(g) and is exempt from review.

*(g) The Department shall exempt from certificate of need review any capital expenditure that exceeds the monetary 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.*

WakeMed would greatly appreciate your acknowledgement that this project is exempt from certificate of need review. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Daina DiMarco at 919-350-1221 or [ddimarco@wakemed.org](mailto:ddimarco@wakemed.org). Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Robbie Roberts  
Director, Market Planning

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**Date:** Monday, December 9, 2024 11:06:08 AM  
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For you....two Requests in letter....

*Martha Waller*

Administrative Specialist 1

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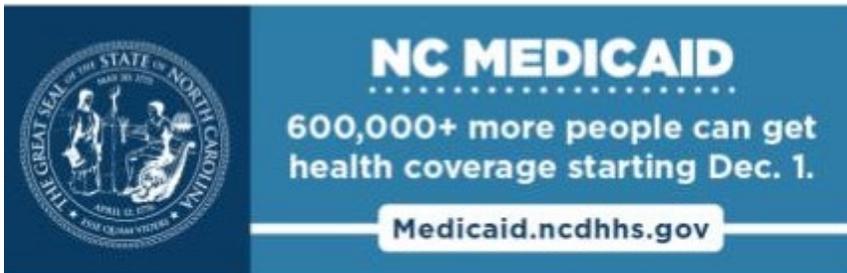
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FYI

*Crystal Kearney*

Project Analyst, Certificate of Need

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Hi Crystal,

Please accept the attached letters on behalf of WakeMed for two projects – one project at WakeMed Cary to renovate the NICU, and one project at WakeMed Raleigh to update the central plant heating systems.

Thanks!

Daina

Daina DiMarco, MHA, MBA  
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