



NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ROY COOPER • Governor
KODY H. KINSLEY • Secretary
MARK PAYNE • Director, Division of Health Service Regulation

VIA EMAIL ONLY

February 7, 2024

Tim Ludwig
tludwig@carolinaeasthealth.com

Exempt from Review – Physician Office or Medical Office Building

Record #: 4352
Date of Request: January 4, 2024
Business Name: CarolinaEast Health System
Business #: 2722
Project Description: Develop a medical office building
County: Craven

Dear Mr. Ludwig:

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,

[Handwritten signature of Gregory F. Yakaboski]

Gregory F. Yakaboski
Project Analyst

[Handwritten signature of Micheala Mitchell]

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES • DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION
HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

LOCATION: 809 Ruggles Drive, Edgerton Building, Raleigh, NC 27603
MAILING ADDRESS: 809 Ruggles Drive, 2704 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2704
https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ • TEL: 919-855-3873

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

CarolinaEast  
Medical Center

SECU  
Comprehensive  
Cancer Center  
at CarolinaEast  
Medical Center

John & Reba Aylward  
Diagnostic Center

CarolinaEast  
Surgery Center

CarolinaEast  
Rehabilitation  
Hospital

CarolinaEast  
Physicians

CarolinaEast  
Foundation

CarolinaEast  
Home Care

CarolinaEast  
Wound Healing &  
Hyperbaric Services

Crossroads  
Mental Health

January 3, 2024

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Chief  
Mr. Greg Yakaboski, Project Analyst  
Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
2704 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704  
[Micheala.Mitchell@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Micheala.Mitchell@dhhs.nc.gov)  
[Greg.Yakaboski@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Greg.Yakaboski@dhhs.nc.gov)

**RE: Exemption Request for Medical Office Building in New Bern, North Carolina (Craven County)**

Dear Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Yakaboski:

Please accept this letter as notification that CarolinaEast Medical Center (CEMC) is renovating and upfitting a building located at 640 McCarthy Boulevard, New Bern, North Carolina to be used as a medical office building (MOB). Both the building and land are owned by CEMC, and the site is the former location of a diagnostic center, the equipment from which has previously been relocated to the main campus of CEMC<sup>1</sup>. The MOB will provide a new location and additional space for physicians and their patients in New Bern. No new institutional health services will be offered in the building without first obtaining a Certificate of Need.

Based upon the project as described above, and pursuant to N.C. GEN. STAT. § 131E-184(a)(9), the project is exempt from Certificate of Need review. This letter serves as notification of our intent to proceed with this project. We are requesting that you confirm in writing that this project is exempt from Certificate of Need review. Please do not hesitate to contact me if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,



Tim Ludwig  
Vice President, Ancillary Services  
CarolinaEast Health System  
(252)633-8999  
[tludwig@carolinaeasthealth.com](mailto:tludwig@carolinaeasthealth.com)

<sup>1</sup> For reference, please see Record #2415,  
[https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/coneed/reviews/2017/oct/1117\\_craven\\_cmc.pdf](https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/coneed/reviews/2017/oct/1117_craven_cmc.pdf)

**From:** [Waller, Martha K](#)  
**To:** [Stancil, Tiffany C](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] 2024 CarolinaEast MOB Exemption  
**Date:** Thursday, January 4, 2024 10:08:46 AM  
**Attachments:** [2023 MOB Exemption Request.pdf](#)

---

*Martha Waller*

Administrative Specialist 1

Division of Health Service Regulation, Certificate of Need Section North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Main: 919-855-3873

Office: 919-855-3885

[martha.waller@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:martha.waller@dhhs.nc.gov)

Help protect your family and neighbors from COVID-19.

[Know the 3 Ws. Wear. Wait. Wash.](#)

#StayStrongNC and get the latest at [nc.gov/covid19](https://nc.gov/covid19)

809 Ruggles Drive, Edgerton Building  
2704 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

Twitter | Facebook | YouTube | LinkedIn

Email correspondence to and from this address is subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties by an authorized State official. Unauthorized disclosure of juvenile, health, legally privileged, or otherwise confidential information, including confidential information relating to an ongoing State procurement effort, is prohibited by law. If you have received this email in error, please notify the sender immediately and delete all records of this email.

---

**From:** Kim Meymandi <KimMeymandi@ascendient.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 4, 2024 9:48 AM  
**To:** Mitchell, Micheala L <Micheala.Mitchell@dhhs.nc.gov>; Yakaboski, Greg <greg.yakaboski@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Cc:** Waller, Martha K <martha.waller@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] 2024 CarolinaEast MOB Exemption

**CAUTION:** External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless verified. Report suspicious emails with the Report Message button located on your Outlook menu bar on the Home tab.

Good morning and Happy New Year!

Hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season.

Attached is an exemption request submitted on behalf of our client CarolinaEast Health System. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks so much,

Kim

**Kim Meymandi | SENIOR CONSULTANT**

[kimmeymandi@ascendient.com](mailto:kimmeymandi@ascendient.com) | 919.226.1712 | [linkedin](#) | [www.ascendient.com](http://www.ascendient.com)



HIGHER THINKING FOR HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

5 Strategies for The New Normal: Click [here](#)